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We go dancing with Vincent and Flavia

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My Genie is a flirt

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Time line: Police have released CCTV images of burglars taking part in the raid at jewellers Fraser Hart on Saturday. The thieves took extreme measures to hamper any police pursuit during the incident

Probe into jewel raid links

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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POLICE are investigating any similarities between a smash-and-grab burglary at a jewellery store in the city centre on Saturday morning and other previous incidents.

Thieves smashed the windows of Fraser Hart in Silbury Arcade at the centre:mk before stealing jewellery believed to be worth about £650,000. They also started a fire, padlocked a chain across a road and blocked a street with tree trunks to hamper any police pursuit.

Police and fire services were called out just after 3.30am and it quickly became clear the offenders had caused extensive damage both to the property and surrounding area, including the access road.

Investigating officer Det Ch Insp Kelly Glister said: "It is fortunate that nobody was hurt during this incident.

"This was a deliberate and well-planned burglary that would have meant the offenders would have been in the area beforehand as part of their preparations.

"We would urge anyone working or living in CMK who saw anyone acting suspiciously near Silbury Arcade earlier this week to contact us as a matter of urgency on 101."

When police arrived on the scene they saw a chain had been padlocked across the road and a fire had also been started near the jewellery store. Tree trunks had been deliberately placed across Marlborough Gate as well.

In an incident on October 16, 2014 raiders stole an estimated £1million in jewellery from Leslie Davis in the centre:mk at around 3am after lighting a series of fires to distract police, as well as padlocking gate entries and using metal poles to prevent cars from entering.

One man was jailed for two years and three months in January this year for the burglary, while charges against two others were dropped.

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "We are exploring any similarities with other incidents.

"We are also calling on people who might have been there and anybody who was in the area on Saturday to help."

The roads around the centre:mk were closed for part of Saturday morning and there was restricted access to some parts of the shopping centre while investigation work carried on.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service sent five fire engines and crews to the scene and has said it suspects the fire was started deliberately.

A spokesman for the centre:mk said: "We don't make any comment on security issues and protocols."

Police tape: An officer on duty at the centre:mk after the jewel raid and, *inset*, some of the damage

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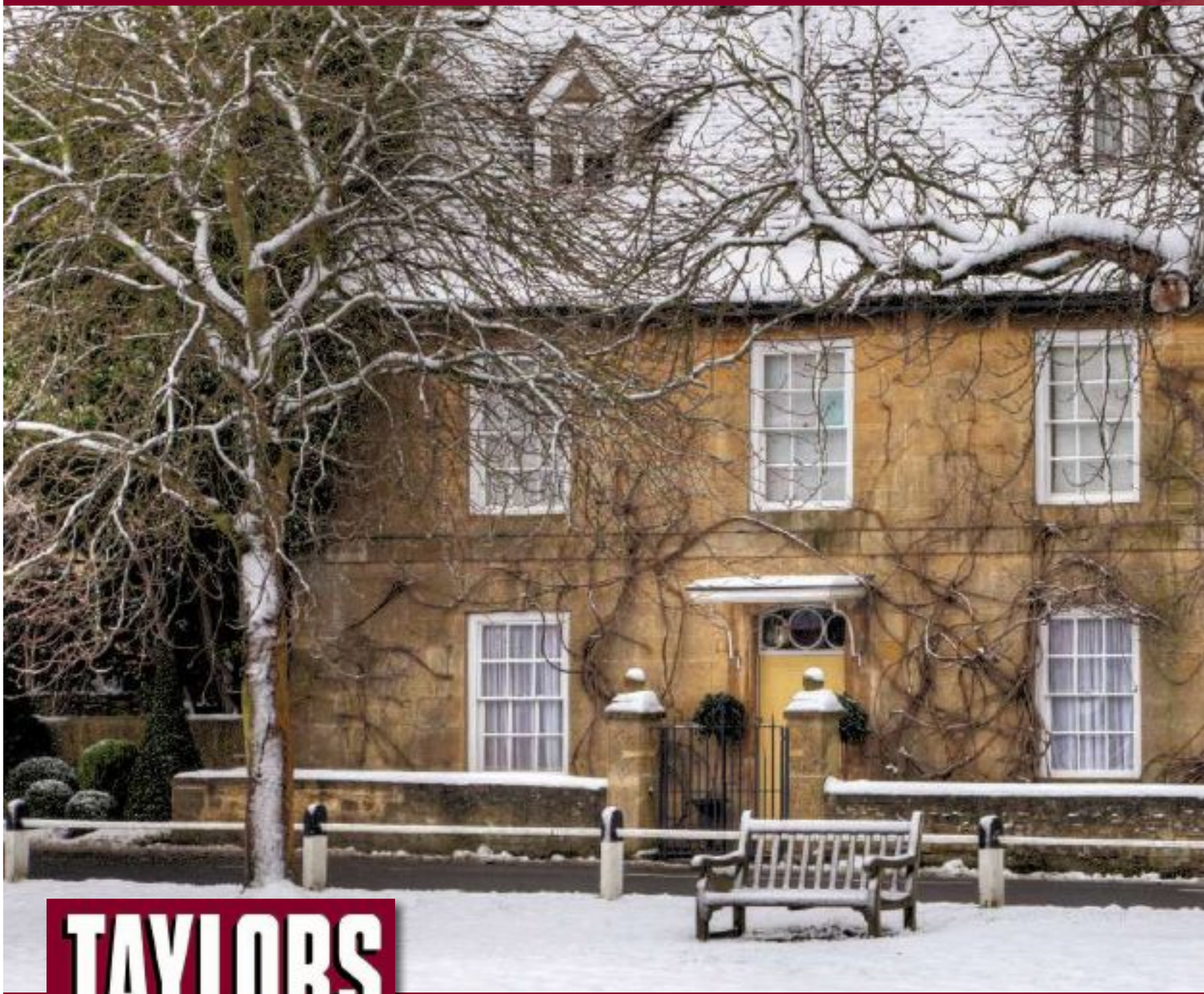

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Stony shops are gearing up for Christmas

SHOPS in Stony Stratford are getting ready for Christmas – but taking each other on in a good natured competition to find the best shop window.

The High Street stores are embracing an Alice in Wonderland theme – in recognition of the tale's 150th anniversary. It is the theme being used for the Lantern Parade ahead of the Christmas Lights switch-on on Saturday.

Louise Salisbury, manager of Woodstock's Bakery, said: "We're happy with it and at least we'll get 10/10 for effort!"

Read more about the Christmas Lights on page 39.

Stony in Wonderland: High Street stores including, *clockwise from top left*, Party Mad, the Willen Hospice bookshop and Woodstock's Bakery celebrate

Big spike in motor thefts, say city cops

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THEFTS from cars and other vehicles have increased by more than 30 per cent in just two months – as the days begin to get darker earlier.

Now Thames Valley Police have been forced to issue a warning to residents to make sure their vehicles are secure following the alarming increase.

The darker evenings tend to bring with them an increase in opportunities for thieves and since the clocks went back last month there have been more offences of thefts from motor vehicles across the city.

Police confirmed to MK NEWS that the figure had increased by a third – 32 per cent.

In August there were 93 recorded thefts from motor vehicles.

That shot up to 106 in September, then rocketed further when it reached 123 recorded offences in October.

The figures for November were not able to be provided to this newspaper until the month had ended.

Detective Inspector Matt Darnell, based at Milton Keynes Local CID, has now urged motorists to be mindful that thieves will be on the lookout for vehicles that have not been left properly secured.

He said: "With the darker nights drawing in, we normally expect to see the number of thefts from motor vehicles increase and this is exactly what has happened.

"It is therefore even more important than normal for motorists to lock their vehicles and double-check that they have done so.

"There are also some other simple steps you can take to make yourself less likely to be a victim."

The advice includes not making life easy for criminals by leaving any items on display. The advice is to take your property with you when you get out of the vehicle or keep items locked in the boot out of sight.

Even things like an old coat, sunglasses or loose change can be a temptation for someone to 'smash and grab' – the thieves 'steal first and think about value later'. For more advice from police, visit **www.onemk.co.uk**

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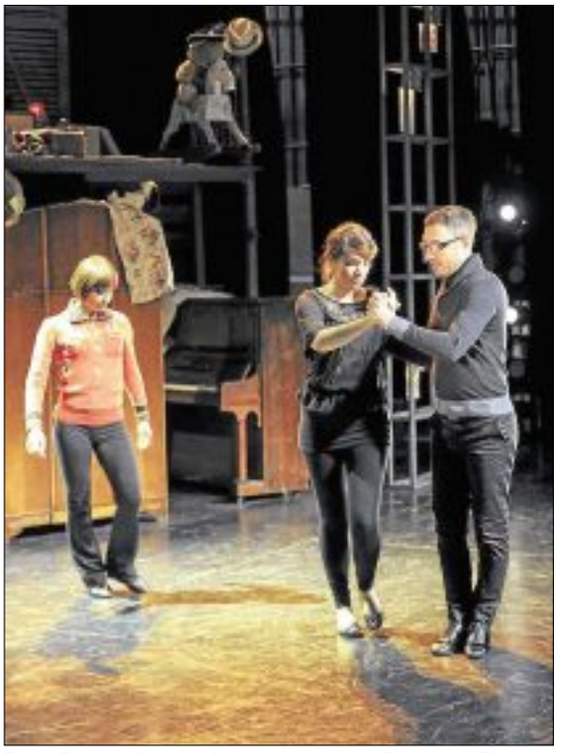

Tango: Reporter Jessica takes to the stage with Vincent and Flavia

Dancing class for reporter

STRICTLY Come Dancing stars Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace got reporter Jessica Duncan showing off her twinkle toes at Milton Keynes Theatre.

The dancing duo said their show, The Last Tango – which is on at the theatre until Saturday – is not just for dance fanatics, but tells an emotional story accompanied by a live band and great singers.

Speaking to Jessica after she had been put through her paces by Vincent, Flavia said: "The show takes audiences on a emotional roller-coaster and really tells a story through dance."

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Player cleared of sex assault

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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MK DONS footballer Mark Randall was found not guilty on Monday of a sexual assault after a trial at Aylesbury Crown Court.

Mr Randall had been accused of one count of sexual assault following an incident at MK Social on December 6, 2014.

But after hearing evidence from a number of witnesses, including MK Dons manager Karl Robinson, captain Dean Lewington and goalkeeper David Martin, the jury found Mr Randall not guilty.

When summing up the case before the jury retired to consider its verdict, Nadia Chbat, for the defence, said: "It is not beyond belief that [Mr Randall] would say goodbye to someone he thought was part of his group."

Miss Chbat went on to say: "This case is sad for everybody isn't it? There are no real winners when a young man is accused of sexual assault."

Not guilty: Mark Randall

During the trial the court heard how Mr Randall had walked past the victim, tapped her on the thigh and said good night. But he had been accused of touching the victim's vagina – which was later found not to be true.

When giving evidence, Mr Randall said: "I was walking out, I saw [the victim] who was speaking to a few of my pals that night. As I walked over I tapped her on the thigh and said 'have a good night'.

"I didn't know if she was a relative of one of the footballers or a friend so I thought it was the right thing to do – to say 'have a good night'.

"I literally just tapped her on the thigh as I walked past to get her attention."

MK Dons have released a statement from Mr Randall's solicitor, Mike Hayward, of Woodfines Solicitors, who said: "Mr Randall has waited to clear his name for 11 months and the not guilty verdict brings a sustained period of anguish to a conclusion.

"He would like to request that he and his family's privacy is respected and that they are allowed to move forward."

Date finally set for blaze victim's funeral

FRIENDS are relieved that a 65-year-old woman can finally be laid to rest 11 months after her death in a large house fire in Loughton.

Kate Morgan's funeral will take place at Crownhill crematorium on Monday.

Her body was found in the Grade II-listed Rectory Farmhouse in School Lane on January 3.

She had worked there as a kennel maid, tending to more than 100 dogs for her companion Rita-Price Jones, who died in October, 2014.

Giles Waddington, a close friend of Kate and nephew to Rita, told MK NEWS: "The funeral will take place 11 months after Katie's death in the fire at Rectory Farmhouse in Loughton. A sad end for such a hard-working and dedicated woman.

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A lack of direction

INTU is complaining that the wishes of local people concerning its proposed development, as expressed in a totally unscientific consultation process and endorsed by our elected local councillors, might now be over-ridden by the Government.

This is indeed a sad state of affairs because such a situation is exceedingly rare and we have brought it upon ourselves.

The wishes of the local people were also expressed in a borough-wide referendum on the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan, which they overwhelmingly approved. The plan said that any development of Midsummer Place, over which intu wish to build, would be allowed only if it were 'exceptional'.

Intu sensibly did not claim that its development was exceptional but our councillors still approved it in the full knowledge, openly stated at the planning committee meeting, that it would therefore have to be referred to government.

Such cowardice and lack of direction is something we have suffered for a long time now, with visible results all around us, particularly in CMK. Whatever happened to the courage exhibited when this wonderful city was first created?

Georgina Baidoun
Downs Barn

For more on this turn to page 28

Send picture to win a funny prize

HERE at MK NEWS we know the lovely pictures you send in put a smile on our readers' faces so we have joined forces with the award-winning Comedy Cow to keep you smiling.

Each week we will be giving two free tickets to upcoming events in one of the club's three venues across MK to the reader who sends in the best picture of our city.

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This week's photograph was taken at Shenley Wood by Mandy Busby

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Save our chemist

REFERENCE the petition by residents of The Saints and other local estates in Bletchley about the proposed cuts to chemists.

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I believe Iain Stewart is aware of this issue and the problems it will cause to residents on these estates. I understand the Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes North is doing his best to help prevent the closure of chemists in his constituency but we need to know Iain Stewart is helping in the quest to retain this chemist in his constituency as well.

John Simmons
Bletchley

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

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All homemade, Barry told me he has a real passion for cooking and creating tasty food and when the opportunity to open up at the Howe Park Wood Centre came, he said he couldn't turn The Parks Trust down.

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Smoke bomb causes alert

FIREFIGHTERS had to deal with a smoke bomb that went off in Central Milton Keynes last Wednesday night.

Smoke was found coming from the ground floor of Milton Keynes Central train station's multi-storey car park in Elder Gate at 10.20pm.

Three crews from Great Holm and one from Broughton attended the incident and found the cause to be a smoke bomb, which was the size of a tin of baked beans.

Two firefighters with breathing apparatus were able to remove it.

Head-butted in attack on street

BY SARAH LEE
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A MAN has been left 'shaken up' after being head-butted during an alleged homophobic attack.

Giuseppe Catalano, of Fishermead, was walking home in Penryn Avenue between 10am and 10.30am on Thursday when he was approached by a man who asked if he could use his mobile phone.

Explaining to the man that he had no minutes left, Mr Catalano claims his attacker reacted by shouting threatening and homophobic comments towards him.

A few seconds later, the man allegedly grabbed Mr Catalano's arm and head-butted him in the face.

The attacker is described as a tall, white, English man.

Scared, Mr Catalano then ran to his home in Kernow Crescent.

Talking to MK NEWS he said: "I was walking home when a man approached me asking if I had a phone he could use to call his girlfriend.

"I told him I had no minutes left and carried on waking. He then stood in front of me and said 'pass me your phone now'.

"He then pulled my arm back and then started giving me verbal abuse in regard to my sexuality.

"At this point I was very scared. I tried to back away but then he then grabbed hold of my arm again and head-butted me in the face.

"I was very scared and just ran to my street to get away.

"Right now I'm going through so much grieving for my boyfriend who passed away in April and I'm also caring for my mum who is disabled.

"I'd like to make people aware attacks like these can happen at any time of day."

Mr Catalano decided he did not want to report the incident to the police.

Shaken up: Giuseppe Catalano, the victim of an alleged homophobic attack that took place in broad daylight

E-fit issued in appeal

POLICE have issued an e-fit of a man in their appeal for information after a 16-year-old girl was assaulted.

The teenager was walking towards Stantonbury along V8 Marlborough Street at about 1.15pm on Monday, November 9, when she was grabbed from behind by her throat and neck.

The girl managed to fight off the offender – who is an Asian man, about 6ft 5ins, in his early 30s, slim, with short dark hair and a small goatee beard – before running away.

The attacker was wearing a long white cream top with long sleeves, white trainers and black woollen gloves.

It is believed he may have a London accent.

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Gary Jackson with patients Pete Winkelman, Chairman of MK Dons and Karl Robinson the Manager of MK Dons

Milton Keynes Chiropractic Clinic in Fenny Stratford, near Bletchley opened ten years ago and since then has gone from strength to strength, offering care for patients that suffer from problems as varied as low back pain, cervicogenic headaches, neck pain, prevention of migraines as well as problems of the shoulder, foot, knee and hip conditions and arthritic pain.

Principal practitioner and Doctor of Chiropractic, Gary D Jackson said "I am immensely pleased with the growing success of our clinic and incredibly proud of our splendid reputation. Most patients come to us as a direct result of word of mouth recommendations from other patients who are impressed with the service we offer. For patients to heartily recommend us like this I am truly grateful, it shows that our clinics approach to patient care is structured correctly and I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all of those patients that have recommended us to their friends, family, colleagues and sporting team-mates over the last 10 wonderful years in Milton Keynes.

I have had the privilege of treating a wide variety of patients over the years, from children to people in their 90's and they come to me for a wide variety of problems and reasons. I have found that a lot of people benefit from having chiropractic spinal check-ups and in particular it can assist people that perform sports at amateur as well as professional levels.

By ensuring spinal joints are functioning as effectively as possible I have assisted patients in all types of sporting fields ranging from speedway riders, rugby players, martial artists and golf players through to dancers and ice-hockey players.

I am proud to be the official chiropractor for the MK Dons football team, and indeed am now in my 8th year in that role. It has been a great pleasure to work alongside the medical team at the club and I have enjoyed getting to know them as well as get to know and also treat the management of the club as well as the players over those years. They are an incredibly dedicated team and train to a very high level. I am on-board not just in-case they have any particular injuries but also to do what we call a 'top to toe MOT', which basically is a term I use for a preventative spinal check up. This is so as to ensure all joints are working as well as possible instead of just waiting till there is a problem that needs dealing with.".

A large UK trial funded by the Medical Research Council in 1990 concluded that Chiropractic Treatment was more effective than hospital outpatient management, mainly for patients with chronic or severe back pain. A follow up trial in 1995 confirmed that patients with low back pain treated by Chiropractors derive more benefit and long term satisfaction than those treated by hospitals.

When asked why Milton Keynes Chiropractic Clinic has become such a popular and successful clinic, Gary gave the following reasons:

" Firstly we are passionate about what we do, I personally feel that is an absolutely crucial component in being a good chiropractor and I always look for that in anyone who wishes to practice in my clinic.

Also all of my associates have graduated from chiropractic colleges that taught them multiple chiropractic techniques and every one of the Doctors of Chiropractic in my clinic are qualified to take and read x-rays. Indeed we actually have an x-ray suite at the clinic which means we can perform this here without any delays of onward referrals.

People are often of the misconception that all chiropractors do is 'click' joints. Not true, there are many different types of treatment approaches that fall within the broad spectrum of chiropractic care at our clinic. We are trained in many different chiropractic techniques from very mild and gentle techniques, and soft tissue techniques, perfect for the very young or very old through to very specific manipulation techniques, which chiropractors call an 'adjustment', that are aimed at freeing up locked joints, for example, in athletes and people who's job postures have caused stubborn problems. My associates are all competent, capable, fully qualified professional Doctors of Chiropractic and I am proud of every one of them. We are all members of the British Chiropractic Association and registered with and abide by the rules and code of conduct of the General Chiropractic Council.

Often a new patient comes to us because of pain and of course that is what we are know for treating however, we don't just focus on pain but also on prevention. We focus on postural advice, ergonomic advice as well as giving exercises as well as advice regarding simple and achievable modifications to lifestyle. This attention to preventative detail is equally as important a part of the completeness of the service we offer here. Once we have successfully treated a patients problem we take the approach that prevention is better than cure, it can also be a lot more cost effective for the patient.Many patients have commented that they like the fact that our clinic offers a full one hour, un-rushed initial consultation. Others have expressed that they really like the fact that they actually receive their first treatment, or that we take x-rays instead if necessary, as part and parcel of the first appointment without any unnecessary delays. Others have commented on how beneficial it is that we are open until 9pm during the week and available at the weekend too. We always strive to offer the very best of care and service and aim to continue to do so in the next ten years and beyond."

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Mixed feelings: The Christmas display at the centre:mk has prompted comments on Facebook

Grotto is great or just grates

BY SARAH LEE
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SHOPPERS have expressed mix reviews over this year's Christmas display at the centre:mk.

The display, which includes a Santa's grotto, nativity display, carousel and train ride, has pleased some city shoppers while disappointing others, who have taken to social networking site Facebook to express their opinions.

The shopping centre has stressed that it made the decision to replace the previous display format with a larger-scale grotto two years ago.

Commenting on the shopping centre's Facebook page, Sarah Plant said: "The Christmas display used to be a thing of beauty, a magical interactive place that families could visit, enjoy and be filled with the joys and magic of Christmas without having to spend a penny.

"Now it's a pathetic few decorations thrown together around various stalls, one ride, and the shortest train ride in history."

Emma Flanagan added: "After reading about Santa's grotto and people saying it wasn't great, I decided to make my own mind up and took my girls. They loved it and I thought it was great value for money.

"The elves were all so friendly and made a huge effort. Well done the centre:mk."

Shaun Rhodes, head of marketing at the centre:mk, said: "The Christmas launch was a terrific occasion and the size and scale of the grotto once again attracted a great crowd.

"The night put Milton Keynes on the map with a live television broadcast on ITV and already more than 4,000 people have enjoyed the whole grotto experience.

"Two years ago we took the decision to replace the display format with a larger-scale grotto after poor grotto feedback from visitors.

"We know that for our younger visitors, meeting Santa is one of the most special moments of the year and we wanted that to be both magical and an exceptional value-for-money experience.

"We know that the centre is a strong focus of debate for local people and, while we recognise that it's hard to please everyone all of the time, we will do our best and are always open to constructive criticism."

Support Willen Hospice in the wishing pool

THIS Christmas Willen Hospice is to benefit from The Wishing Pool at the centre:mk's first Christmas Market.

The Wishing Pool was officially opened on Thursday and all of the money raised from it this year will be donated to the charity that specialises in the care of people in the community living with life limiting illnesses.

Shoppers are being encouraged by the centre:mk to visit the pool next to the Christmas tree in Queen's Court, amidst the market, and make a wish while throwing a coin into the water.

Paul Hinson, CEO of Willen Hospice, said: "We're absolutely thrilled.

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Acute shortage of MK teachers

BY SARAH LEE
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THERE is a significant shortage of teachers in Milton Keynes, new figures show.

The statistics, compiled by TeachVac, reveal the average English secondary school has advertised for 5.2 posts this year.

But Milton Keynes has advertised more than twice the national average for teaching jobs – with 11.6 posts in 2015 alone.

The figures from TeachVac – a national teaching recruitment company – are based on responses from 3,706 state and independent secondary schools about their vacancy advertisements since the start of 2015.

Tony Draper, national president of the National Association of Headteachers and head of Waterhall Primary School in Bletchley, said: "Our members are increasingly reporting enormous problems in recruiting to vacancies in their schools. This is particularly acute in Milton Keynes, with a significant number of vacancies not able to be filled.

> The Government needs to invest more in initial teacher training across the board to address the crisis
>
> **Tony Draper**

"There is also a problem in finding enough very good teachers, as the accountability framework means that schools can no longer take a risk in recruiting a teacher who will need development.

"The Government needs to invest more in initial teacher training across the board to address the recruitment crisis that will otherwise worsen as the growth in pupil numbers comes through."

Denbigh School headteacher, Andy Squires, said: "While we recognise that there is a national shortage of science, mathematics, English and language teachers, Denbigh School, in partnership with St Paul's, is working to address the balance in Milton Keynes.

"For the first time we have a Milton Keynes dedicated teacher training provider, The Tommy Flowers SCITT (school-centred initial teacher training), which will be training teachers in a school setting for our own schools here in Milton Keynes. The trainees, of which we have recruited 24 this year, will gain practical experience with support from their mentors and colleagues which will give them the tools to educate pupils.

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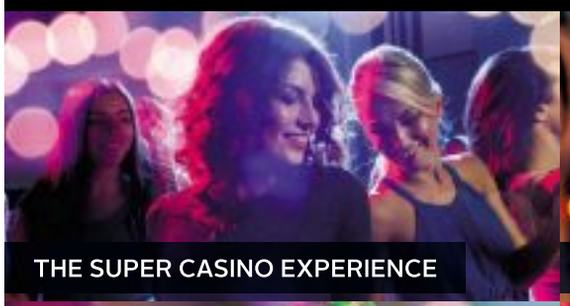
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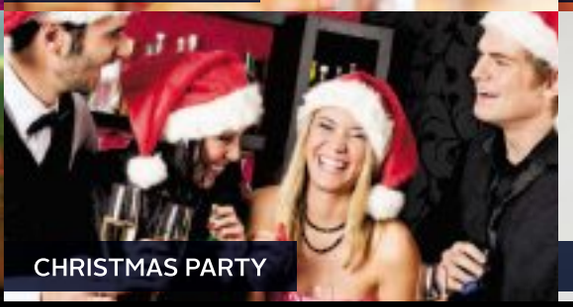
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Closures protest

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The petition was received by the university's pro-chancellor, Richard Gillingwater, ahead of an OU council meeting in Milton Keynes yesterday.

UCU members protested against the planned closures at the Hub cafeteria at the Milton Keynes campus in Walton Hall.

Man committed suicide – inquest

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A MAN from Neath Hill took his own life while surrounded by armed police, Milton Keynes Coroners' Court has been told.

An inquest into the death of Neil Michael Smith, 41, of Brownbaker Court, Neath Hill, ended yesterday after the coroner ruled his death had been suicide.

Mr Smith hanged himself on May 16 at a house in Beanhill as armed police tried to negotiate with him.

Giving evidence, Det Sgt Phillip Walsh said: "Police received information that Neil and his son Darryl were at [an address] in Beanhill.

"Both Neil and Darryl had been identified as having a potential link to burglaries."

No further action was taken against Darryl, who had been arrested on suspicion of burglary and theft.

The inquest also heard how police thought there may be firearms at the terraced house. It was later said there were no firearms found at the home, but there was ammunition that belonged to the homeowner's late father.

Police had attempted to negotiate with Mr Smith before reporting they could not hear any movements coming from the loft where it was thought he was hiding.

Milton Keynes coroner Tom Osborne said: "I accept the evidence of Doctor Kola...that the cause of death should be regarded as hanging."

He added: "I am satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that Neil attempted to take his life and intended to do so."

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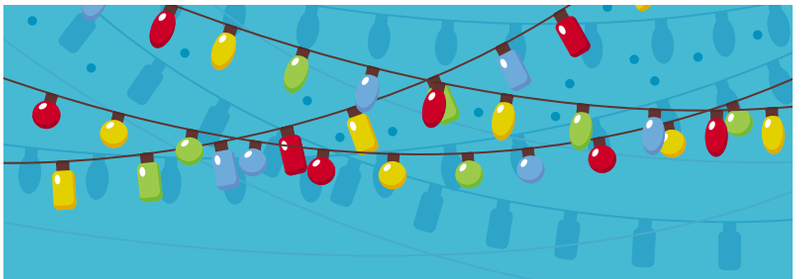

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Leaking loos: John Lewis had a problem with toilets at its store in Central Milton Keynes on Saturday

A wee problem at John Lewis

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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SHOPPERS at the John Lewis store in Central Milton Keynes were met with a horrible smell on Saturday as wee leaked through the ceiling.

The store has confirmed that there was a leak in the toilets on the floor above which came through the ceiling.

One shopper, Kathryn Kain, said: "On Saturday I was in John Lewis and on the first floor there was actual wee coming out of the ceiling.

"It must have been a leak from the floor above. They had a container collecting it underneath and it stank."

John Lewis has told MK NEWS that the problem has now been resolved.

A spokesman for the store said: "We had an unfortunate problem with one of our sets of toilets in John Lewis Milton Keynes this weekend which caused a leak through to the floor below.

"As soon as we became aware of the leak, the maintenance team on site were called immediately and we cordoned off the affected area.

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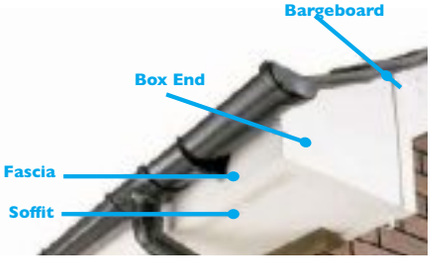

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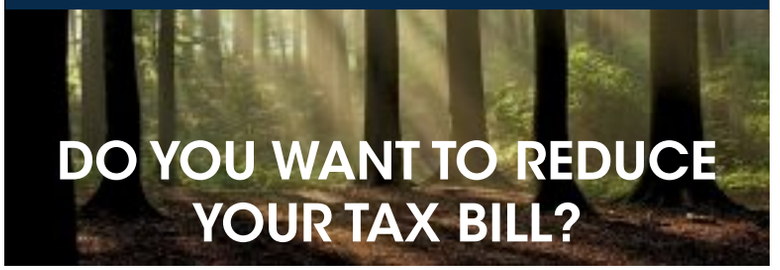

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'Golden age' to be celebrated by MK

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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EVERY grid square in Milton Keynes is to have an event celebrating the 50-year history of the 'new town', according to organisers.

Businesses are being invited to join the party as MK counts down to a series of major celebrations and opportunities.

January 2017 marks 50 years since the 'new town' received its official designation.

MK50 is the umbrella organisation for a year of golden anniversary festivities.

Milton Keynes Council is co-ordinating MK50 and supporting it with £100,000 while looking to attract more funding from the Lottery, trusts and foundations.

Project manager Lallie Davis and senior heritage officer Shane Downer gave members of Milton Keynes Business Leaders Partnership, at their regular breakfast briefing, an overview of the plans so far and showed how the business community can contribute.

"MK50 aims to be a celebration, foster civic pride and bring communities together," said Lallie.

Appeal to businesses: Lallie Davis, MK50 project manager, with Dr Philip Smith, chairman of MK Business Leaders Partnership

"A launch event will be held and designation day marked in January 2017, along with a summer of public events reflecting the themes: City at Play; New Town and Future City; and Green MK."

She added: "The aim is to have an event in every grid square in Milton Keynes."

Arts and culture organisations in Milton Keynes are getting involved along with parish and local councils, community and sporting groups and Lallie said MK50 wants businesses on board as well.

Shane said: "MK50 is not just about arts and culture, it is about how in Milton Keynes we work together to make it a better place to live work and play. We want the business sector to be involved in the strategic thinking around MK50 and I invite those interested in getting involved to contact us by emailing culture@milton-keynes.gov.uk"

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Waste station petition gains 2,000 names

BY JAMES AVERILL

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MORE than 2,000 residents have signed a petition against a controversial waste transfer station and concrete plant after another planning application was submitted.

Plans for the land at Willen Lake North, neighbouring the Cotton Valley sewage works, were rejected by councillors in June over what they felt would be noise problems – despite this being disputed by applicants Mick George.

Now another application – with a couple of minor adjustments – has been submitted in the hope that it will be finally given the go-ahead by the council.

But nearby residents still seem against the scheme, and more than 2,000 have signed a petition

Jon Stump, finance director at Mick George, said: "The previous application was effectively rejected because of noise, although we felt we could have appealed the decision at the time.

"We have slightly redesigned the layout of the site and agreed not to do any crushing on site because there was the perception that this would create noise.

"We believe there is no noise issue but we have to take on board comments from people who perceived that there would be."

The online petition has been set up by Councillor Sam Crooks, who represents the Broughton ward on Milton Keynes Council.

Mr Crooks told MK NEWS: "There do seem to have been some adjustments in response to the noise issue, which is one of the main things that defeated them last time.

"But the main problem for me is that this is the wrong place and the impact it will have on the hospice, bird life and the village. It's one of the most beautiful sites in the city."

A decision on the site is not expected to be made until February, 2016.

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Objection: Cllr Sam Crooks has set up a petition against the proposals

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The Three Trees in Bletchley has always appeared to be a busy place, but never somewhere I actually got around to visiting. Moving to the area just 18 months ago, I'd heard good things, but the more familiar places had always won me over. So when I was asked to review it, finally I had the push to get me through the door.

First impression

We chose to go on a busy Friday night and we were pleasantly surprised. Walking through the main entrance door from our stroll down Buckingham Road, we were greeted by a warm, bustling atmosphere and homely decor. Within a mere minute of entering the building we were acknowledged by a member of staff to inform us the host would be right with us, and she followed shortly after, so a nice pleasant start.

The menus offered were certainly a surprise, a wealth of home cooked dishes on offer, far more choice than you could ever require, from homemade pies to fillet steaks, fresh fish to carvery dinners, there really is something for everyone. Plus, according to the friendly young girl serving us,

where possible, they source their ingredients locally (very impressed!). We were also informed that they have a new menu coming in the next week or so!

Nothing beats a freshly home cooked meal

The food was delightful and plentiful, it really is a wonder how they manage to offer such high quality at great prices when you see the sheer size of the dish placed in front of you.

The drinks list was just as extensive, a huge wine list offering every grape variety you could desire, 3 real ales alongside multiple lagers and a great selection of spirits, liquors and whiskys.

We opted for a goats cheese tart and the farmhouse pate to start, then I had the beef and ale pie and my husband couldn't resist the carvery, and we shared the incredible homemade bread and butter pudding for dessert, just like my nan used to make (though I'm not sure how we managed to squeeze it in) and there really is not a bad thing to say. Everything came out in a timely manner and the food was lovely and hot, full of flavour and presented beautifully. We were even more surprised when we received the bill. All that food plus drinks for just under £35!

Sit back and relax

The atmosphere during our meals was comfortable and happy, the staff were attentive and knowledgable but not overpowering. The bar area offers comfortable chesterfield sofas and wing back chairs, there's not a single games machine in sight, instead they offer traditional pub games; such as chess, draughts and shove halfpenny.

The outside looked to be just as welcoming, and even though it was freezing, I couldn't resist having a good look around. The garden is a sleek well organised outside dining and drinking area, complete with full BBQ section. I imagine in the summer this place would be the perfect escape for a mid-week lunch in the sun.

All in all, we left more than satisfied with our experience at the Inn Britain carvery restaurant at The Three Trees, so much so we have booked in for our Christmas Dinner! A great example of a traditional British Restaurant and bar, offering a welcoming atmosphere, great value and impeccable quality and definitely somewhere we will frequently visit in the future.

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Takeover Day: *From left*, Tom with Keith McLean and Jamielee and Harvey with Supt Gez Chiariello

Students step into job roles at the top

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MILTON Keynes mayor Keith McLean and the city's top cop, Superintendent Gez Chiariello, handed over their powers to three lucky students on Friday.

Takeover Day is a national event led by the Children's Commissioner for England. It offers children and young people the chance to work with adults and get involved in decision making.

Tom Brown, 17, from Wolverton, who is an A-level student at Denbigh School, got to shadow Cllr Keith McLean for the day – and he even wore the hefty mayoral chain weighing 488 grams.

Cllr McLean and Tom visited a number of places in Milton Keynes on the day, including Jubilee Wood Primary School and MKFM, before coming to the MK NEWS offices to see what being a journalist is all about.

Tom said: "It was nice to meet young people at the different schools and I was impressed by how opinionated they were and knew what they wanted to be looked at in their area, for example rubbish and crime.

"What I like about MK is that there is always something to do, especially for young people with clubs and sports teams."

Superintendent Gez Chiariello had to show Jamielee Squires, from MK Academy, and Harvey Bowen, from Shenley Brook End School, the ropes at the police station

The Local Police Area Commander said: "Young people are the future so it was great to be able to provide a first-hand insight into policing. I hope that their experience will help them in whatever direction they take."

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My night spent sleeping rough on the streets

Searching: Homeless people looking through some of the bins

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AS A roving reporter for MK NEWS I joined some of the brave trustees and supporters of Open Door MK – who slept rough on a freezing Friday night to raise both money and awareness of the city's homeless crisis.

As this newspaper has previously reported, homelessness in MK increased by 900 people from 2013 to 2014.

Open Door MK is a charity that works to support anyone who is homeless, providing two drop-in centres a week where people receive housing advice, hot meals and are allowed time and space to make changes in their lives.

I met the trustees and supporters wrapped in our winter coats and hats ready for what we didn't realise would be a surprising night.

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Out on the streets: MK NEWS reporter Jessica Duncan, *right*, slept rough on a very cold evening

kitchen, where a group of residents from a city church brought food and hot drinks to hand out.

I was shocked when suddenly more than 50 people appeared from nowhere.

How many homeless people are there? Many of us probably never see them or just walk past.

As the night turned colder, we had a look in some of the nearby bins – which is technically illegal – and took out some cardboard to sit on.

We then walked towards the train station where we met three men, whose identities I will be protecting.

Despite being homeless they were so welcoming and though they had very little they were willing to share sleeping bags, food and the little money they had as they were worried we were cold.

One of them, in his early 20s like me, ended up on the streets when a relative he was caring for died. But as a single man he is not a priority to house by Milton Keynes Council.

The men joked and chatted with us, and even showed us where they go for food.

This food was still in its packaging and some wasn't even out of date, just chucked in a bin.

I did see some people who clearly had drink and drug problems, but they were not threatening or abusive and are stuck in a vicious cycle in need of a helping hand.

I understand why people are concerned about giving homeless people money because of what they might spend it on.

But I've never experienced such kindness from people with so much less than me.

Open Door MK has raised more than £1,300 so far from the sleep out, but donations are still being welcomed.

In addition it continues to appeal for volunteers and support from businesses in a bid to raise £10,000 to help the homeless.

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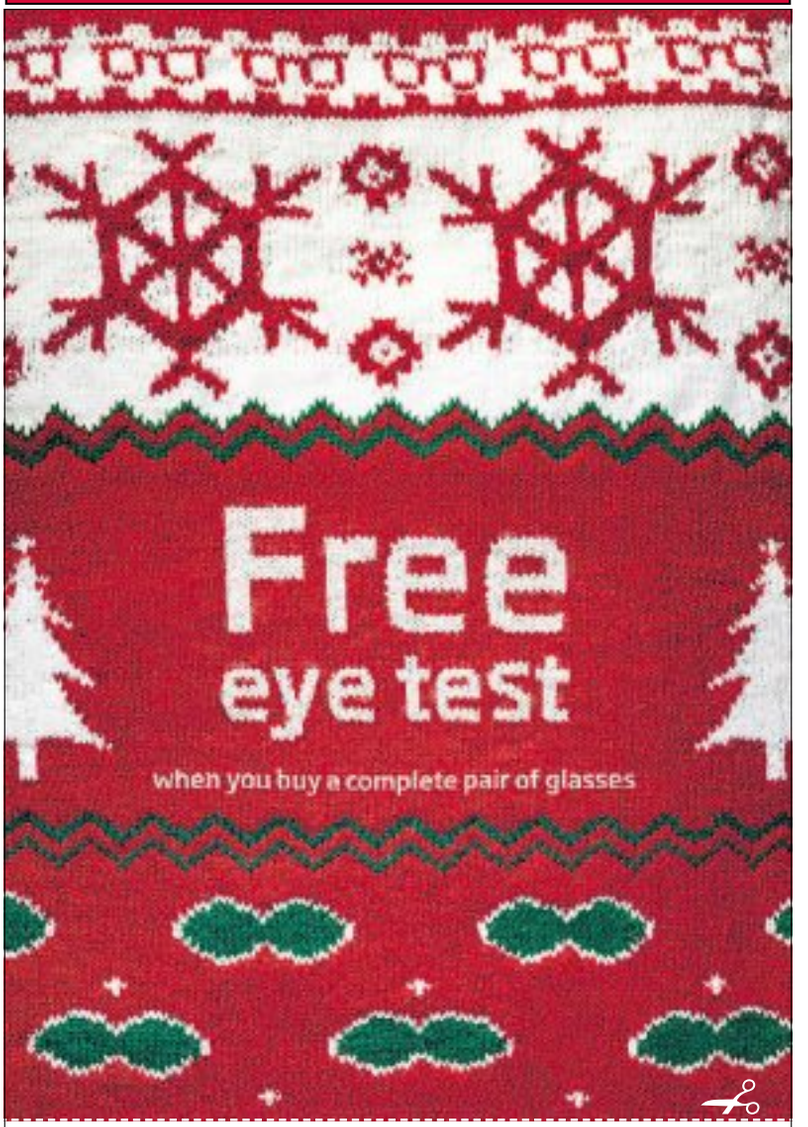

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French united in

Community shows its support to the

Floral tributes: The French community gathered at MK Rose

BY PHILIP MCELENEY

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THE French community of Milton Keynes gathered at Campbell Park at the weekend to pay their respects to the victims of the terror attacks in Paris.

A total of 129 people were killed in a series of attacks in the French capital on Friday, November 13.

On Saturday, the French community in Milton Keynes – including people from French School Les Poussins and the Alliance Française – gathered at MK Rose to light candles, display banners and show they are united.

Florence Burey-Abraham, from Les Poussins in Bradwell Common, said on Saturday: "We are saying what happened is terrible, but we are united. The attacks are still going on today in Belgium and in Mali."

The community, which displayed a banner and a flag showing symbols of support for the victims in Paris, had earlier come together for a one-minute silence at 11am at Les Poussins.

MP Iain Stewart was one of

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MK over attacks

victims of terrorist atrocities in Paris

those who joined the French community at the school for the silent show of respect.

And MP Mark Lancaster – who recently signed a book of condolence at the French Embassy – will be giving a talk in light of the Paris attacks and migrant issues at Milton Keynes Equality Council's annual general meeting.

The meeting will be tailored around what the city needs to do to support some of the challenges it will face and Mr Lancaster will be the guest speaker.

The two Milton Keynes MPs united to express their sympathy for the victims in Paris and said: "The tragic and unnecessary loss of human life reminds us that we must remain determined and united in our fight against terrorism.

"This horrendous act demonstrates that Britain has to remain vigilant and continue to support its intelligence and security services.

"To this end, the Government has committed to increase the security services by a further 1,900 personnel and to increase the levels of aviation security.

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Prior to kick-off, both teams were led out by the colours from branches of the Royal British Legion, who joined in the minute's silence in memory of those who lost their lives in last week's Paris attacks.

In step: Armed forces day at stadiummk at the weekend

£150k budget for culture capital bid

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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MILTON Keynes Council could spend up to £150,000 on the city's bid to become European Capital of Culture in 2023.

A Freedom of Information request by MK NEWS reveals a project team has been allocated a budget of £150,000 over two years to support the bid, but only £1,730 has been spent so far.

Council leader Councillor Pete Marland said bidding could bring a number of significant benefits to the city.

The release of the figures comes after the council unanimously voted in favour of the bid in July.

Cllr Marland told MK NEWS: "MK Council, with encouragement from partners across the city, unanimously voted to bid for European Capital of Culture 2023.

"Bidding could bring significant economic, social and cultural benefits to MK and will help grow our international profile, which in turn brings visitors, investment and jobs. Some 'capitals' estimate an extra £1million visitors will spend because of being chosen."

Every year, the title of European Capital of Culture is awarded to two cities from two EU member states. The current designated cities are Mons in Belgium, and Plzen in the Czech Republic.

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Awards: ***From left,*** **MK mayor Keith McLean, CMK town councillors Linda Inoki and Ken Baker, urban planner David Lock, Kay Greenhalgh and Ruth Stone**

'Nonsense' petition over plans for CMK

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PETITION has been set up calling for a re-vote on the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan in the same week it has won two prestigious awards.

The neighbourhood plan was voted in by residents in a referendum in May this year and last Tuesday it won two awards at the Annual Planning Awards held in London by Planning Resource magazine.

But a petition set up by Ruth Campbell claims residents didn't actually know what they were voting for and she is calling for a re-vote. The petition has so far only had 10 votes and needs more than 1,000 for action to be taken.

Linda Inoki, chairman of campaign group Xplain, said: "I think we should give people more credit for understanding something that in its concept is quite simple and sticks to the original ethos of MK – keeping its grid roads, open spaces and filling empty office space in the centre. It is nonsense to talk about a re-vote on what is now a statutory designated plan with legal force."

The awards for the neighbourhood plan came the same day the Minister for Communities and Local Government, Greg Clark MP, decided to 'call in' the decision to approve a scheme to expand intu Milton Keynes, which goes against the document.

As reported by this paper, Mr Clark 'called in' MK Council's decision to grant planning permission to expand shops and restaurants and build a cinema into dedicated public space. A CMK Town Council spokesman said: "As well as jeopardising the development strategy for the shopping area, the intu plan undermines local democracy and neighbourhood plans across the UK."

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Storm damage: Firefighters had to remove part of the front fascia at a Tesco Express store

Barney damage

BY SCOTT KIRK
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STORM Barney caused damage around the city last week.

High winds caused problems for a Tesco Express in Marshworth, Tinkers Bridge, at about 9pm on Tuesday.

Firefighters removed part of the front fascia that had been damaged in winds of up to 70mph.

On the same day firefighters had to make the scene safe when strong gusts caused a chimney to become unstable on a two-storey building in Cambridge Street, Wolverton.

Two engines and crews from Great Holm Fire Station attended the scene along with an officer.

And trains out of Milton Keynes Central station were delayed by as much as an hour because of the poor weather conditions.

Commuters took to Twitter to complain about the situation, with John Marrs asking why replacement bus services hadn't been put on for people.

A spokesman for London Midland said: "When you have got disruption of that type – it affected rail, road, power supplies – we were looking to get replacement bus services at short notice, but then the roads are blocked. We did the best we could to get people moving as fast as we could.

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Charter anniversary: One year on, Debbie Gockelen, director of business, enterprise and employability, with principal Dara Carroll at Milton Keynes Academy

Birthday breakfast

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A MILTON Keynes school's scheme to encourage pupils to learn more about the world of work celebrates its first year at a business breakfast tomorrow.

The employability charter at Milton Keynes Academy has helped dozens of students in all manner of ways, from helping them go to university open days to winning apprenticeships at some of the biggest companies in Milton Keynes.

The school is even using this breakfast, which will take place between 7.30am and 9am, as an opportunity for students to network with companies such as Niftylift and Halifax.

"It is a fantastic opportunity to network and build those relationships between employers, teaching staff and students," said Deborah Gockelen, director of business, enterprise and employability at the academy.

"We know how life-changing these opportunities can be."

Among the success stories of the academy's employability charter are Aysha Khatun, who is intending to go to university after having never even been on a train before, and Nathan Crane, who has an apprenticeship with Niftylift, based in Shenley Church End.

Bill Griffiths, director of MK Museum, will be a guest speaker on the morning.

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Shenley Brook End School is holding its Information Evening for prospective Sixth Form Students on Thursday 10 December 2015.

The school has a new building programme that will enhance sixth form facilities ready for September 2016. These include:

- A brand new library and resource centre with dedicated sixth form study areas;
- A new science wing including specialist sixth form laboratories;
- Enhanced sixth form teaching areas with new classrooms and an additional sports hall;
- Improved study and social areas and additional seating for our restaurant;
- Increased capacity in our theatre and music practice rooms.

The improvements to the school's resources mean that we are able to offer more places to students for post-16 study who meet our entry requirements.

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Prospective Students' Evening for September 2016 Entry

An Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form students and their parents

Thursday 10 December 2015 – 6.30pm

Introductory presentation – School Theatre

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For further information please contact Mrs L Pryde, Sixth Form Senior Administrator, Shenley Brook End School, Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes MK5 7ZT. Tel: 01908 520264 Ext 263. Email: lpryde@sbeschool.org.uk

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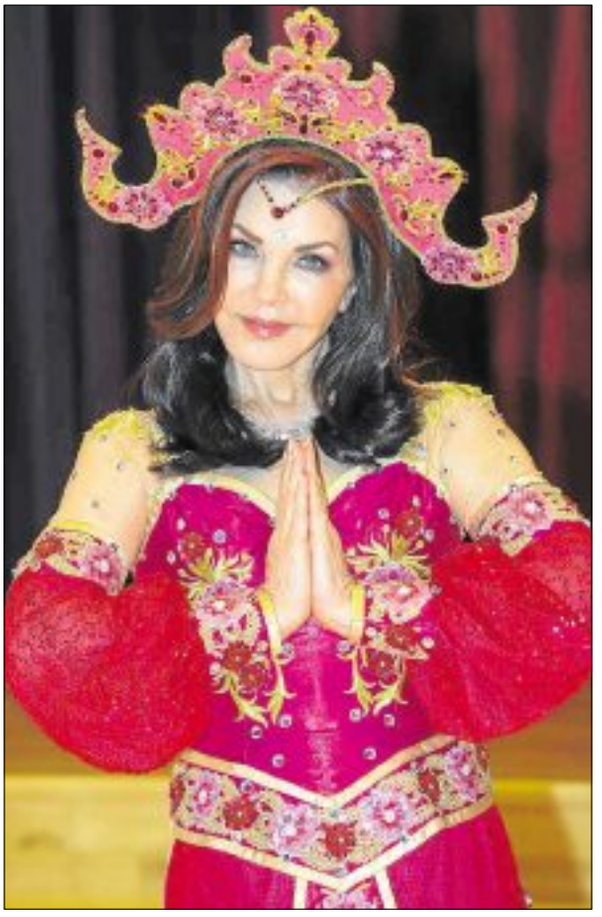

FORMER Dallas actress Priscilla Presley has confessed that her first experience of pantomime was 'horrifying', but she is looking forward to her role in Aladdin at Milton Keynes Theatre.

The ex-wife of Elvis Presley will be making wishes come true as the Genie of the Lamp, in the production which begins on December 4.

Priscilla played the evil queen in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in Manchester last year, but the 70-year-old admitted her first experience of pantomime terrified her.

Speaking to MK NEWS, she said: "My first experience of pantomime was horrifying!

"I was so nervous, I didn't know quite what to expect.

"I knew about the booing, but I didn't know about the bantering. People can tell you about it, but to experience it was a lot different so it was quite a journey.

"Once I got used to it, it was a lot of fun and I guess I'm a glutton for punishment because I'm back! I love the audience participation and the reaction of the crowd and I love to see their faces when they're enjoying the performances and the play."

Priscilla will be joined on stage by Ben Adams, Kev Orkian, Wayne Sleep and Gary Wilmot in the show's run until January 10. The actress has begun rehearsals with her colleagues and can't wait to start in a role she hopes audiences will enjoy.

She added: "I truly can't ask for a better cast and I can't wait to really get into it.

"The Genie of the Lamp is a bit different to the role I played before as the evil queen. She was a real baddie and I loved that!

"We have some surprises with The Genie. She's a bit flirtatious and sweet at times, but I think the audience will like her – I hope!"

GARY WILMOT
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BEN ADAMS
AS ALADDIN
WAYNE SLEEP
AS THE GENIE OF THE RING
KEV ORKIAN
AS WISHEE WASHEE

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ACTOR Gary Wilmot is well-known for West End stage and TV appearances in shows such as Never Mind the Buzzcocks and Showstoppers but he's also an old hand when it comes to slipping into a frock and slapping on some eye make-up.

We asked Gary what it means to play the dame.

• *How did you first get involved in panto and what is it you enjoy about it?*

It was an act of progression. I moved from variety into panto nearly 30 years ago now and I'm still a tremendous fan of it.

• *What are the characteristics of a panto dame and what do you enjoy about playing the role?*

First and foremost, the dame has got to be a man. And if he's got a beard, so much the better! You've got to have a sense of fun and the ability to engage with the audience.

• *Why do you think panto is such a perennial favourite with UK audiences?*

Panto is one of the few times when the whole family can go to the theatre and the whole family can enjoy the show.

• *Who enjoys it most – the parents or the kids?*

Mainly the kids – but then the parents are paying! And you know what? They love to watch the kids enjoying themselves.

• *Ever had any funny or unusual panto moments?*

Well, there's been ripped scenery flying about the stage on more than one occasion but the funniest incident (though maybe not for him) was when the front part of the pantomime horse walked straight off the stage and into the orchestra pit. The rear part stopped just in time…!

• *What's your favourite panto and why?*

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Shisha businessman is shocked by arson

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE owner of a shisha smoking tent attacked by arsonists says he is shocked that somebody would want to burn down his business.

The Jumeirah Shisha Tent in Albert Street next to the Enigma Tavern in Princes Way, Bletchley, was burned down and nothing can be recovered, according to owner Absher Hirze.

"I'm very shocked," said Mr Hirze, who had run the business for just over two years.

"What we had here was something unique in the middle of Bletchley and all of us really enjoyed being there. It was a place for everyone.

"There is nothing we can recover – nothing left at all."

Thames Valley Police confirmed it is investigating an arson attempt after officers were called to the scene at 3.59am on Wednesday, November 18, but a spokesman said they did not believe the incident was a hate crime.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue was also called to the scene.

Wiktoria Wojtysiak, 17, who lives in the Enigma Tavern next door to the shisha business, saw the tent go up in flames.

She said: "At about 3.15am there was a loud explosion.

"It all happened so fast – the whole thing lasted no more than 15 to 20 minutes.

"My mother rents half of our large car park to the shisha tent so the fire was literally meters away from our pub.

"I just hope no-one else has to go through such a tragic experience."

Nothing left: The remains of Jumeirah Shisha Tent in Bletchley

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The light fantastic

THE final week of November sees the city gear up for the festive season with a number of Christmas lights switch-on events and fayres over the weekend.

In Stony Stratford, the streets will be lit up on Saturday. As part of the switch-on celebrations the WatlingFest: Music event will also take place.

Bringing all the music together onto a single stage in Market Square, this will run from 11.30am to 4.20pm and includes bands such as Good Time Jazz, Palmerston and The Ozarks.

There will also be a lantern procession leaving from York House at 4.15pm, before the lights are turned on at 5pm.

Also on Saturday, the season of goodwill to all men, women and children kicks off in Newport Pagnell. As usual, there will be stalls to browse and entertainment to watch. This includes a Zumba demonstration, a performance from recent The Voice contestant Susan Lovejoy and the usual parade finishing at The Swan. The lights will then be switched on at 5pm.

In Woburn Sands, the switch-on will take place on Sunday – and forms part of the Annual Christmas Fayre held in the heart of the town with a funfair, food and craft stalls and a grand raffle.

It's organised by local volunteers on the Woburn Sands Christmas Fayre Committee with co-operation from Woburn Sands Town Council and Milton Keynes Council and supported by local businesses. Proceeds usually fund the new Christmas lights and support local charities.

The High Street will be shut off for the usual stalls and attractions from about 1.30pm – with the lights being switched on at 4pm.

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The winner will receive a family prize bundle worth more than £500, including tickets to watch MK Lightning, a day pass for up to five people at Safari MK (including a meal), a party race package for up to 10 people at Simply Race and a family sledging session at Snozone MK.

They will also win a jumbo family platter at Nando's Kingston, ice cream for four at Giovanni's Gelato, plus a take home tub, and an Xscape giftcard worth £100.

There are two ways to enter, once you have your drawing. Either you can scan it and email it to competitions@destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk clearly stating the name and age of the child plus the contact details of the parent/guardian.

Or you can take your drawing to the Visitor Information Centre at the centre:mk (located near door 13, next to John Lewis/Next). Entries cannot be returned.

Terms & Conditions: Competition is run by Destination Milton Keynes. Entries close at 5pm on Thursday, December 24, 2015. You can enter as many times as you wish. The winner will be notified in January 2015. All prizes are non-refundable and may be subject to specific T&Cs as laid down.

WOBURN Safari Park ranger BOB STREATFEILD tells MK LIFE readers that work continues in winter

WINTER is well and truly here, but the work doesn't stop for the keepers at Woburn Safari Park.

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The two Amur tiger cubs are now eight weeks old and will soon be getting their nine-week inoculations, which means keepers will also be able to sex them.

The cubs are due to start exploring their nine-acre enclosure early next year, along with their mother Minerva and father Elton.

Stay wrapped up and see you all soon.

greenjellÿ

GREEN Jellÿ (pronounced green jello) is an American comedy rock band formed in 1981.

Originally named Green Jellö, the band changed its name due to legal pressure from the owners of the Jell-O trademark, Kraft Foods, which claimed that it was an infringement of its trademark.

Despite the spelling difference, the new name and the old are pronounced the same, and they still remain an incredibly entertaining act.

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comedynight

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Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 8.30pm, with tickets costing £10 for 'bronze', which is a seated only, conference-style ticket.

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magicalhistory

FAMILIES are invited to take a journey through the history of magic at Stantonbury Theatre on Saturday.

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BEV, 41, very attractive sensual warm-hearted, looking for good times with confident loving male. Call to me find out more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420069**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 4282 Box 419673**

MAGGIE, 72 yrs young, good sense of humour, well presented, WLTM kind, sincere chappie to share coffee and a chat. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5310040**

DISCREET man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. Pls call, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4296 Box 418167**

CLARE bubbly blonde 33, N/S, loves nights in/out seeking genuine interesting man for possible relationship, dads welcome. looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420039**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 4280 Box: 409715**

WHY do I feel like the only singleton? Emma 37, attractive, witty, sociable and single! Call me to find out more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419999**

MAUREEN, discreet sensual lady, 42yrs seeks daytime fun at her home. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 4272 Box: 405297**

39 yr old independent single Mom, knows the benefit of having a good man in the picture. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5084796**

ATTRACTIVE solvent business woman, 36yrs, seeks discreet gent 25+ for no strings discreet fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 4690 Box 419701**

LOUISE 23 slim build, big blue, brown hair, loves nights out, looking for nice guy to take me out and show me a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419999**

LOUISE, pretty hairdresser, works long hours, finds it hard to meet a boyfriend, 34yrs, own flat. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4192572**

FEMALE, seeks fun loving male who likes a drink and a laugh, to enjoy erotic experiences with a curvy brunette. Discretion guaranteed. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5079311**

JENNI, single mum seeks single dad, own home, can accommodate and loves spoiling her man. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4115108**

MARY, pretty, friendly, lots of fun, lives in Kidderminster, loves the theatre, opera, ballet, WLTM a lovely, charming, funny, genuine guy, 30s, to settle down with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419883**

DONNA 42, long brown hair, brown eyes, looking for male, 35-40, for friendship or possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419867**

SLIM brunette, likes nights out, seeks genuine male, 30-35 for friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 370541**

SINGLE female, slim, attractive, 5ft 2ins, brown hair/eyes, seeks male, 30-35 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 386103**

MIXED race lady, 53, five foot six, very outgoing, WLTM similar male for nights out and nights in and to see how it goes. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419827**

ABI 40yr old very happily divorced female looking for similar male 35-50yrs to enjoy nights in romancing, chatting and making each other smile again. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419847**

AMY single mum of one, 19yrs, attractive, slim and tall, seeks nice guy for cosy nights in together. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419835**

LIZ, very attractive brunette 37, with lovely smile and GSOH, so why am I single? WLTM fun loving male for good times in or out. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419817**

FEMALE fun brunette, attractive, 26, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 416287**

PAT 66, attractive, N/S, likes reading, nights out, seeks gent for friendship, days out and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418277**

68YR old widow, attractive, seeks sincere, N/S male, likes reading, meals out and walks. West Midlands. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414773**

LADY Penelope seeks her very own Parker (47-58) to go on a voyage of discovery and romance. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4550237**

BLACK lady seeks white male over 60, any location, for friendship and hopefully a lot more. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4256384**

NICOLA, 30yr old petite blonde, blue eyes, attractive, bubbly, OHAC, looking for nice guy for fun times and more. Can accommodate **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419617**

EMMA, 31yr old young looking petite Princess looking for her Prince Charming. Pretty, loving and affectionate, seeking similar. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419615**

RACHAEL 20s female seeking older gent to enjoy adult 1-2-1, leave me a message, you have everything to gain, lets have some fun! Boring need not apply! **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419575**

SHELLEY, slim N/S 40s female who likes the simple things in life so no big gestures required, seeking loyal loving male for hopeful LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419413**

CURVY, farm girl at heart, 32, 5ft 10, single mum, caring, kind, shy, likes walks, cooking WLTM tactile male farmer for LTR. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5067001**

AMANDA, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418117**

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VIKKI 32yr old active female, confident, fit, loves nights out, looking for similar male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419411**

TASHA 35yr attractive slim but curvy in the right areas black female, seeking white male for fun times in or out, 35-60yrs. No time wasters pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419349**

GENUINE sincere Christian women, seeking a Christian male 56-65, for friendship and sharing happy times together. I enjoy travel, walks, cosy nights in, cinema, meals in and out. If you are interested in meeting me please give me a call! **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419297**

LUCY 37yrs 5ft 11ins brunette loves nightlife, socialising, having fun, looking for fun guy who can make me laugh and promises a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419213**

LINDA, 48, attractive, warm hearted, honest, caring, easygoing female looking for male 35-55 for friendship and hopefully a lot more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419137**

DOWN to earth female, genuine, likes nights out and nights in, seeking male of similar age. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4891109**

BARBARA 36 slim blonde likes music, sport, the outdoors, quiet nights in etc, WLTM kind honest gent willing to expand and share interests and get to know me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419069**

SHELLY, 23, honest genuine single mum WLTM similar genuine male/single dad for fun, friendship, dates and text chat. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419021**

KATHY, 45, curvy blonde seeking reliable honest man who can get me out of this rut I am stuck in, open to new ideas and looking for someone special? Give me a try. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419019**

TERRI attractive young looking 29yrs, long legged, sporty, seeking nice man to fall in love with, up to 45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418911**

LADY young at heart, nice eyes, seeks man 42-52 with good sense of humour. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4881572**

MEGAN, 37, new to the area seeks fun companion to show me around, take me out, enjoy good times, love and most importantly laughter, call me. Any age. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418837**

LUCY, just looking to enjoy life, can you help? seeks fun and good times in or out, nothing heavy just no strings meets. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418835**

DONNA, 25, extremely sporty female looking for male, any age/status, who can keep me nice and active. If that is you give me a call. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418789**

ATTRACTIVE professional lady, widow, 50's, likes walks, sight seeing, theatre, meals out, seeks genuine, professional gent, 5ft 9ins plus to make life more enjoyable. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418615**

BROKEN hearted lady 39 seeks loving male to mend heart age 39/40. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4869116**

ATTRACTIVE 37yr old African lady, curvy 5ft 5ins, enjoys varied interests, travelling, dancing, music, cooking, WLTM loving guy to enjoy togetherness. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418605**

LORRAINE bored 36yr old looking for discreet no strings fun with likeminded uncomplicated male, any age/looks/status. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418583**

67YR old lady, looking for genuine gent for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418551**

BARBARA, single mum looking for adult companionship, any age/looks or status. Interested? Come on over to my place. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418573**

JULIE attractive 35yr old female with a great body, looking for no strings attached evening meets. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411779**

KATHY easy going curvy tanned nurse looking for relaxation and fun times with appreciative uncomplicated male, any age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411893**

JAYNE 37yr old hairdresser, OHAC, willing to travel, looking for similar aged man for some fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418441**

JO 55, curvy redhead, loves eating out, theatre, travel, looking for middle-aged prince charming to sweep me off my feet. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4464905**

GENUINE lady looking for genuine male, age 58-60, for friendship and to have a laugh with. So if that's you would love to hear from you. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4537136**

TALL leggy slim brunette 37, attractive and very much single, WLTM fun loving guy 40-60yrs who loves food, wine, cosy nights in or out. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418365**

Men seeking women

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GOOD looking Asian male, 5ft 9ins, 38, seeks lady for nights in/out, love and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398043**

MICHAEL, school teacher, very shy and lonely, 42yrs, own home, car, seeks genuine caring lady. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4156561**

CHRIS, 50 years old, professional, affluent, kind, seeking a young lady for NSA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419619**

ATTRACTIVE, fit, sporty, tactile, youthful black male seek relationship with lady. N/S. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4851641**

STEVE 5ft 9ins, brown hair, green eyes, medium/sporty build, single dad, looking for someone slim, kind, trustworthy and honest. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 403919**

70'S male, fit, likes meals in/out, walks, seeking younger, N/S petite female for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417853**

MARK 44, 5ft 10ins, brown hair, blue eyes, likes bowling, cinema, meals out, seeks female, 34-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 347811**

MARK 46, fun loving, easygoing, loving, caring, likes bowling, cinema, nights out, meals out, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 393750**

GOOD looking, 54 year old male, down to earth, loves music, very romantic, looking for someone special. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420021**

TALL, attractive male, 60 years young, GSOH, tactile, romantic, enjoys going out socially to cosy night in, seeking a likewise lady between 60-72. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419941**

CHRISTOPHER, Irish widower, 65, GSOH, non-smoker, wishes to meet lady for friendship initially. North Birmingham. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419927**

ATTRACTIVE Asian male, 44, five foot nine, toned, own home, fun loving, very caring, seeks female preferably Asian, paint the town red with me! **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419915**

STEVE 39, 5ft 9ins, medium build, likes walks, seeks female, slim-medium build, single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 396709**

MALE 54, good-looking, smart, seeking uncomplicated fun with mature lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415057**

6FT well built guy, nicely groomed looking for fun intimate nights or day with slim/medium build attractive lady 35-55. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5132460**

52 year old male, good-looking, medium-build, blue eyes, would love to meet older lady for discreet liaisons. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419223**

45 year old guy likes music, films, nights in and out, seeks female, 30-40, in the Leamington Spa/Rugby area for long-term romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419983**

LOVE art, rock music, swimming, theatre most, what cannot see best, guy 69 WLTM woman. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419933**

WIDOWER, quiet, easygoing, slim, 5ft 7 tall, smart, varied interests, seeks slimish lady, 50 to 65 yrs for caring relationship. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4906469**

SUBMISSIVE 44year old WLTM dominant female 25-30 years who enjoys role play with friendship and maybe possible relationship. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5084114**

BEST cannot see, guy Cancerian 69 unattached, WLTM a liberated unattached woman 55-70, into theater, music, rock/standard, swimming. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419935**

ACTIVE and healthy 73 year old widower, seeks lady 55-65, to enjoy all the things that are better with the opposite sex, in England and for regular trips to property in Marbaia. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419923**

WOULD like to meet a women to be sub/dom with. As kinky as you like to both our limits. Up to 69 years. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419985**

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IF you are an intensely liberated woman aged 18+, looks/colour/race immaterial and unattached and WLTM an unattached guy, 69? **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419911**

YOUNG looking 58 year old male, looking for black or Polish female 23-49 years, I am single, white and looking for a long-term relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419903**

WE go for people's imperfections, cheezed off with capitalism writer, 69, WLTM supporter of socialist workers party, compatible with cancer sign. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419887**

EQUALITY. Looks, race, colour unimportant, if you WLTM tender man then look no further! **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419857**

NOTTINGHAM Steve 59, N/S, GSOH, loyal, sincere, likes meals out, cinema, walks, seeks sincere female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 401177**

MIKE easygoing, fun loving, seeks female, 50 plus for days out meals in/out, OHAC, can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 385527**

MALE 61, loves meals out, days out, nights in, seeking loyal, tactile lady for loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 393877**

MIKE OHAC, retired, seeking nice lady who is full of fun for meals, nights out etc. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 401257**

MALE tall, well built, fun loving, OHAC, likes meals out, days out, weekends away, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418413**

STEPHEN, six foot, dark brown hair, smoker, likes football, watching films, socialising, seeks someone for nights out and cosy nights in and to share happy times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 419785**

Men seeking men

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BI male would like to meet same. 60 to 80 yrs. Must be able to accommodate. Coventry or Birmingham. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4931168**

DAVID, mature, WLTM hairy, tall, single male for friendship maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 420025**

DAVE genuine bi male 58, single discreet, seeks bi male for fun times. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4355756**

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Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Yardley Gobion

LOCATED in the popular village of Yardley Gobion, this former 'gentleman's social club' dating back to approximately 1860 is an exceptionally spacious character home which has been tastefully modernised by the current owner.

It offers superb flexible accommodation, a real blend of character and contemporary features and a fantastic rear garden.

The accommodation briefly comprises a splendid entrance hall, lounge, dining room, a generous sized kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, study, cloakroom, galleried landing, four bedrooms, including three with balcony windows, family bathroom, master bedroom featuring an en-suite, garage with full length fitted base and wall units, driveway and good sized established gardens.

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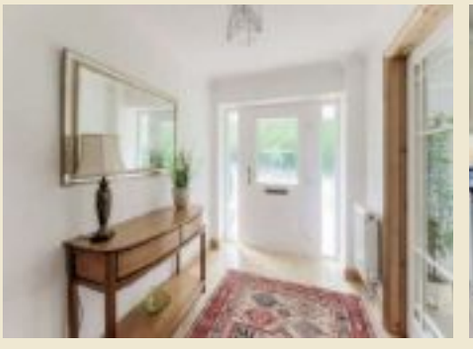

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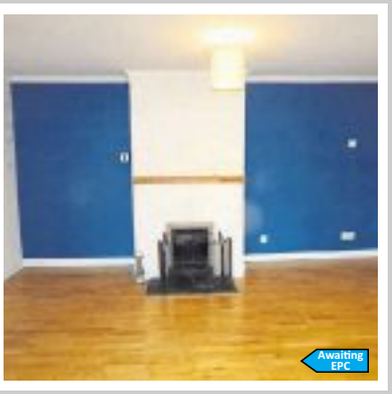

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- Garage & Off Road Parking

Bradwell Common **£220,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Detached Property
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- Semi Detached Property
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Dulverton Drive, Furzton, MK4 — £249,950

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Tadmarton, Downhead Park, MK15 — £249,950

A superb end of terrace family home situated in the desirable Downhead Park area. Features briefly include: • Guest Cloakroom • Living Room • Dining Room • Spacious Refitted Kitchen • Refitted Bathroom Suite • Gas Central Heating • Well Tended Gardens • Garage To Rear • Must Be Viewed

Lanfranc Gardens, Bolbeck Park, MK15 — £199,950

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Hexham Gardens, Bletchley, MK3, — Asking Price £274,995

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Crane Way, Cranfield, MK43 — £219,950

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Tanfield Lane, Broughton, MK10 — £185,000

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The Limes, Bletchley, MK2 — £234,950

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St Clements Drive, Bletchley, MK3 — £249,950

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BUY TO LET INVESTORS ONLY

Lanfranc Gardens, Bolbeck Park — Guide Price £199,950

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Malham Close, Flitwick, Bedfordshire MK45 1NP
Headteacher: Mr Jeff Conquest

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Leader of Religious Education

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Our RE department known as 'Ethics & Theology' on the timetable, emphasises

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Closing Date: Friday 4th December 2015

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Closing date for both vacancies: 9:00am Friday 4th December 2015
Interviews will take place WB 7th December 2015

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Candidates must have sound, accurate administrative skills and be IT competent. The post holder must be reliable and observe confidentiality requirements. Clerk training will be provided, if required.

For each school, the meetings are generally held twice termly for a variety of committees. Per academic year, Biddenham School holds 24 meetings and Great Denham Primary School holds 10 meetings.

Detailed job description and application forms are available to download from the Biddenham School website www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk. Please send applications for the attention of Julie Shepherd or by email to hr@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.

Closing date: Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 12 noon

Biddenham School and Great Denham Primary School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check, references and other checks.

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Central Bedfordshire

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Closing Date for all roles: 4th December 2015, Noon
Interview Date: w/c 7th December 2015

For further details and an application pack for any of the above roles please contact Mrs N Betchley at nbetchley@ardleyhill.org.uk

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You will have very high professional standards, considerable discretion and be highly organised, demonstrating integrity in all you do. Exceptional minute taking skills are essential. You must be comfortable in dealing with a range of stakeholders from central/local government officials, governors and a diverse range of individuals and groups within the local community.

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Interview Date: 9th December 2015

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Central Bedfordshire

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Dunstable Road, Caddington, Dunstable, Beds LU1 4BB

We are currently recruiting for the roles below:

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£8,735 - £9,337 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 103935**
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Closing Date: 27th November 2015
Interview Date: 2nd December 2015

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We warmly invite you to come and visit. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Closing Date: 30th November 2015
Interview Date: 3rd December 2015

For further details and an application form for either of the above roles please contact Mrs Mary Davis at the school address, telephone 01582 602420 or email stmaryscadd@cbc.beds.sch.uk

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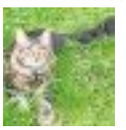

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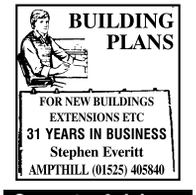

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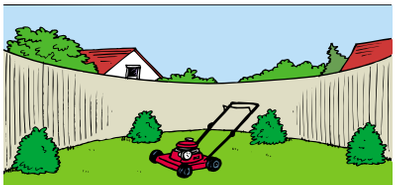

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 24th November 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along that part of Harpers Lane, Great Linford located between numbers 1 and 4 in order to install a mains fitting in the carriageway.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable maintenance works to be carried out along the carriageway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 30th November 2015 and will expire on 11th December 2015 and will be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no alternative route for vehicles as Harpers Lane is a dead end road. Access and egress will be maintained at all times for residents and emergency vehicles.

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The proposed Order will come into operation on 2nd December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF WESTERN ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015 (NO.2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 24th November 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Western Road, Wolverton between Woburn Avenue and Windsor Street in order to repair a leaking communication pipe in the rear access road of Western Road. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 2nd December 2015 and will remain in effect until 4th December 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Woburn Avenue and Western Road (and vice versa).

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road of Western Road.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 2nd December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF ANSON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road between Anson road and Jersey Road, located between Aylesbury Street and Western Road in order to repair a leaking communication pipe to the rear of 44 Anson Road. Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Anson Road, Aylesbury Street and Jersey Road

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 15th December 2015 and will remain in effect until 17th December 2015.

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road between Anson Road and Jersey Road.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 15th December 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(SIMPSON ROAD (PART), SIMPSON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 24th November 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

2nd – 3rd December 2015

- **Simpson Road, Simpson –** Between numbers 394 and 103 Simpson Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Simpson Drive, H9 Groveway, V8 Marlborough Street, Bond Avenue; Mount Farm, H10 Bletcham Way, V7 Saxon Street, V4 Watling Way, High Street; Fenny Stratford and Simpson Road.

  Controlled access to properties along Simpson Road will be maintained at all times.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 2nd December 2015 and will expire on 2nd February 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order **except** for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS WITHIN LEADENHALL, COFFEE HALL, BRINKLOW, NEW BRADWELL, DOWNS BARN, BOW BRICKHILL AND WOBURN SANDS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 24th November 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of footpath and road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

2nd December 2015

- **Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall –** Between its junctions with Ludgate and Marine Court.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H7 Chaffron Way and V6 Grafton Street.

- **Jonathans, Coffee Hall –** From its junction with Virginia to its junction with Chapter.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Virginia, Garraways and Chapter.

3rd December 2015

- **Harding Road, Brinklow –** Its entire length.

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Bransworth Avenue and H9 Groveway.

- **High Street, New Bradwell –** Bewteen its junctions with Church Street and Glyn Street.

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Church Street, Newport Road and Glyn Street.

- **Saddlers Place, Downs Barn –** Entire footpath linking Overstreet with Saddler Place.

  Whilst the above footpath is closed the alternative route will be via Saddlers Place, Downs Barn Boulevard and the footpath linking Downs Barn Boulevard to Overstreet.

8th December 2015

- **Brickhill Street, Bow Brickhill –** Between its junctions with the A5 and Station Road

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via A5 and V10 Bletcham Way.

- **Station Road, Woburn Sands –** Between its junctions with Cranfield Road and Cranbrook.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Weathercock Lane, Burrows Close, Mill Lane, Mill Way, Salford Road and Cranfield Road.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 2nd December 2015 and will expire on 2nd March 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

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Please visit the Councils bus travel web page for all updates on disruptions to local bus services: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

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(ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN BROUGHTON, NORTH CRAWLEY, BOLBECK PARK AND GIFFARD PARK) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

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9th December 2015

- **Newport Road, Broughton –** Between its junctions with Chippenham Drive and A421 Standing Way.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Chippenham Drive, Lasborough Road and A421 Standing Way.

- **Cranfield Road, North Crawley –** From its junction with Shire Lane to its junction with the unnamed road linking University Way and Cranfield Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Folly Lane, the unnamed road linking Folly Lane and University Way, University Way and the unnamed road linking University Way with Cranfield Road

10th December 2015

- **Lacy Drive, Bolbeck Park –** From its junction with Flambard Close into Giffard Park to Hainault Avenue's junction with Shelmore.

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Redvers Gate, Brickhill Street and Clayton Gate.

- **Hainault Avenue, Giffard Park –** Bewteen its junctions with Clayton Gate and Glyn Street.

  Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via Clayton Gate, Brickhill Street and Knebworth Gate.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 9th December 2015 and will expire on 9th March 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order **except** for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

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25 November 2015

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold
Bleak Hall

David Hall
Interim Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02477/FUL	Proposed single storey side extension at 34 East Street, Olney.
15/02759/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce in height by 1.5 metres and prune 1 x Apple tree (T1), to reduce by 1 metre and prune 1 x Cherry plum (T2) and to reduce by 1 metre and prune 1 x Sycamore (T3) at 7 The Close, Weston Road, Ravenstone.
15/02811/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce one Silver Birch tree by 2-3m at 28 Vicarage Road, Bradwell.
15/02847/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Robinia tree in the back garden due to damage being caused to retaining wall at Spring Cottage, Cross Lane, Weston Underwood.
15/02867/FUL	Proposed replacement front bay window at 81 Cambridge Street, Wolverton.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02608/FUL	Change of use for part of Grade II Listed residential dwelling (use class C3) to a preparatory school (use class D1) at The Old Rectory, High Street, Great Linford.
15/02609/LBC	Listed building consent for change of use for part of Grade II Listed residential dwelling (use class C3) to a preparatory school (use class D1) at The Old Rectory, High Street, Great Linford.
15/02626/FUL	Construction of 1.22m high picket fencing to front of building and to create 2 playground areas at Wyvern School, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton.
15/02851/LBC	Listed building consent for the construction of 1.22m high picket fencing to front of building and to create 2 playground areas at Wyvern School, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton .
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02757/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce in height by 1 metre back to previous points 1 x pear tree at 103 High Street, Stony Stratford.
15/02837/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to reduce limb by a third to Ash tree (T1), remove large branch overhanging High street of Ash tree (T2), fell Cherry tree (T3), remove deadwood from Norway Maple (T4), remove lower limb overhanging boundary wall to Norway Maple (T5), remove deadwood to Hornbeam (T6), reshape to improve poor form of Ash tree (T7), remove dead limb and reshape to improve poor form of Norway Maple (T8), remove large dead limb of Horse Chesnut (T9) and remove dead branch of Norway Maple (T10) at Great Linford Manor, High Street, Great Linford.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/02818/FUL	Replace single wooden gate with new pair of wooden gates, including posts (Retrospective) at Hales Folly Farm, Hartwell Road, Hanslope.
15/02819/LBC	Listed building consent to replace single wooden gate with new pair of wooden gates, including posts (Retrospective) at Hales Folly Farm, Hartwell Road, Hanslope.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

15/02778/FUL	Erection of a warehouse and distribution facility (use class B8) with ancillary offices and associated vehicular access, lorry parking and landscaping at Land To SW of Thornbury, West Ashland.

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New Fiat 124 Spider Unveiled

Almost 50 years since the original was introduced, the FIAT 124 Spider is back! True to its celebrated nameplate, the all-new FIAT 124 Spider brings classic Italian styling and pure driving pleasure to a new generation, with its powerful turbo-charged petrol engine, sophisticated suspension and traditional rear-wheel drive layout.

Designed at Centro Stile in Turin, Italy, the new FIAT 124 Spider takes its inspiration from the 1966 original, not only in terms of its proportions and stance but also in terms of its detailing. A horizontal line emerges from the front wing, kicking up over the rear haunch and flowing toward the tail lamp, aping the distinctive bodywork of the original car, while the style and position of the LED headlamps, and the hexagonal upper grille, both draw heavily from the details of the classic roadster.

The bonnet of the new sports car also emulates the twin power domes of the second- generation FIAT 124 Spider (a functional design feature necessitated by the fitment of larger engines) while the rear view is defined by two main features: the "seagull" wings, the upper surface of which fall inward toward the decklid, and the sharp horizontal tail lamps, which incorporate a new FIAT stylistic sign of body-coloured inserts launched with the new FIAT 500. An integrated rear spoiler enhances the aerodynamic performance of the new FIAT 124 Spider, while twin exhaust outlets underline the performance capability of the engine.

The interior of the new FIAT 124 Spider, in keeping with the exterior, mixes Italian style with the classic ingredients of a driver-focussed roadster. The low-slung seats are comprised of a lightweight net structure with a unique foam shape and are trimmed in premium upholstery, aligning the driver perfectly with the sporty steering wheel and ideally-located pedals and gear-shifter.

The three-gauge instrument cluster with its central rev-counter hints at the excitement awaiting the driver, while soft-touch materials and unique detailing set it apart as a high-quality and elegant roadster in the tradition of its best Italian predecessors.

This attention to detail extends even as far as the operation of the soft top, with spring-assisted opening and closing – eliminating the need for a power assist system – and automatic window lowering and raising when the header-rail lock levers are operated. Even the seat structure is designed with the roof operation in mind – the narrow shoulder bolster allows the upper body to move freely, facilitating rapid and unrestricted roof operation from the driver's seat.

With the roof retracted and the side windows rolled down, the aerodynamics around the rearward-mounted windscreen frame of the FIAT 124 Spider have been optimised to guide the wind above the heads of occupants and towards the rear of the car, minimising both the amount of wind striking occupants directly and drafts buffeting from behind.

Particular care has also been given to the reduction of noise, vibration and harshness, with specially-tuned engine mounts, carefully-engineered isolation of the transmission and differential as well as suspension components of differing resonances.

The 124 Spider also uses sound insulation to reduce noise while driving with the top up. The soft top is fitted with a headliner inside the vehicle for improved sound absorption and there's a rear package mat to provide further sound absorption and insulation.

Of course, the FIAT 124 Spider is more than an exercise in nostalgic roof-down style – under the bonnet lies FIAT's venerable 1.4-litre MultiAir Turbo engine producing 140hp and 240Nm of torque, driving the rear wheels for the first time via a lightweight, quick-shifting six-speed manual transmission, specially optimised for this high torque output. The MultiAir induction system ensures responsive characteristics across the rev range while lowering fuel consumption under low or medium load, while the position of the engine nearer the centre of the car reduces yaw inertia and improves handling agility.

The new FIAT 124 Spider offers a range of technologies to enhance the driving experience while also keeping occupants safe and connected. The most important information is fed to the driver in the traditional way, via a three-gauge cluster with a large analogue tachometer in the centre, flanked by a speedometer and an information display. The standard infotainment unit offers a high level of equipment including a USB/auxiliary input, six speakers and Bluetooth connectivity, while the enhanced version features a seven-inch touchscreen display, DAB digital radio, two USB ports, multimedia control, a reversing camera and a 3D navigation system, with phone calls, music and navigation all voice-controlled. A Bose® premium sound system with nine speakers, including twin headrest speakers per seat and a subwoofer, is also available as an option. The system also provides drivers with access to Aha* and Stitcher* Internet radio apps via Bluetooth connectivity.

The pursuit of driving pleasure hasn't been at the expense of occupant wellbeing and the new FIAT 124 Spider has been engineered to meet the highest safety standards, with a high strength body engineered to provide excellent impact-absorption characteristics. Pedestrian-friendly "active" bonnet, stability control, traction control and rollover mitigation are all offered as standard. Features such as adaptive headlamps, reversing camera, rain-sensitive wipers, keyless entry 'n' go and voice-operated infotainment and navigations systems will be standard or optional dependant on grade.

The FIAT 124 Spider will go on sale in the UK during the second half of 2016 with pricing and final specifications announced at a later date.

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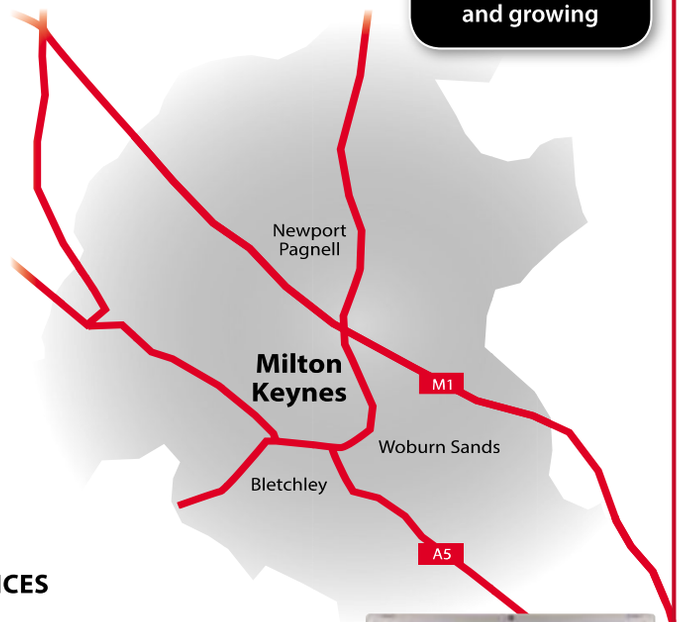

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Vauxhall Astra

ASTRA-NOMICAL?

The seventh generation version of Vauxhall's Astra family hatch manages to be better equipped, more efficient and more spacious than its predecessor, while in some cases actually costing less than it did before Think that sounds promising? Then like us, you might think that this could be the toughest rival yet for the segment-leading Ford Focus.

The engineers have created a completely fresh platform for this MK7 model Astra but it isn't one featuring the multi-link rear suspension set-up that does so much to make a rival Ford Focus ride and handle so sweetly. The downside of that kind of arrangement lies not only in its cost but also in the way it intrudes on bootspace (which is why a Focus' boot is so relatively small). Hence the decision with this Astra to stick with the previous model's relatively simple torsion beam rear suspension system, a set-up enhanced with a so-called 'Watts linkage' feature to improve cornering stability.

The engine range though, is very different. True, there's still the option of the old normally aspirated 100PS 1.4 litre petrol unit at the foot of the range but it's the new turbocharged engines that are of most interest. The 105PS 1.0-litre three cylinder unit from the Corsa and ADAM offers marginally more power but a whole heap more torque that'll make for much easier progress. Moving up the petrol range, there are 125PS and 150PS version of a new direct injection 1.4 litre four cylinder turbo, plus you can ask your dealer about a 1.6-litre 200PS version of this engine too.

Most Astra buyers though, are probably going to want a diesel. The old 1.3, 1.7 and 2.0-litre CDTi units have at last been pensioned off and in their place sits the quieter, torquier 1.6-litre CDTi diesel, offered here with either 110 or 136PS in mainstream form or with as much as 160PS in BiTurbo form at the top of the range. Both petrols and diesels should benefit from an all new six speed gearbox that should make for sweeter shifts.

You know at first glance that this is a Vauxhall thanks to the latest take on the corporate grille, now flowing into headlights which come with the option of full LED technology. There's also the familiar 'blade' graphic stamped into the side of the body and rear lights that now spread into the tailgate like the smaller Corsa. Another nice touch is the 'floating' roof, an effect created by a dark trim on the C-pillar and highlighted by a chrome strip that runs the length of the roof. Underneath, the bodyshell of the Astra is 77kgs lighter than before, thanks to smaller dimensions and more high strength steels which contribute to weight savings over the previous model of between 120 and 200kg.

Inside, despite the reduction in exterior size, you get an additional 35mm of rear legroom compared to the old car. Move up-front and there's the expected smarter fascia with splashes of chrome and the expected standard touchscreen infotainment screen that as usual reduces dashboard button clutter. For the first time, the General Motors 'OnStar' system is available, the set-up providing an in-car Wi-Fi hotspot, 24/7 assistance from a dedicated service team and the ability to call the emergency services if the airbags deploy.

In a family hatchback class stuffed with appealing options, it would be easy perhaps to overlook this seventh generation Astra - or at least to assume it to be an also-ran in this tightly-fought segment. You shouldn't do that - and it isn't. Or at least it isn't if you choose your engine and spec carefully. The really desirable and efficient variants may well require you to negotiate a sharp deal with your local Vauxhall showroom to keep within budget, but such is the value emphasis in today's Griffin brand network that you're pretty likely to be able to do that.

And assuming that you do, you'll get yourself a car that feels quite up to the challenge posed by an army of efficient, plush and dynamically able rivals. Of course the MK7 model improvements have helped enormously here - the smarter look, the more efficient engines, the extra hi-tech features. Best of all, it's mainly British, with hatch and estate models built at Ellesmere Port near Liverpool to a quality at least as high as anything the Japanese brands can manage. That reason alone might be enough to give this car a place on your family hatchback shortlist. Fortunately for Vauxhall, there are also many others.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Vauxhall Astra range
PRICES: [5-door Hatch] £15,295-£25,285 – on the road
INSURANCE GROUPS: 3-18
CO2 EMISSIONS: 82-165g/km
PERFORMANCE: [1.6 CDTi 110PS] 0-62mph 10.3s/ top speed 121mph
FUEL CONSUMPTION: [1.6 CDTi 110PS ecoFLEX] (combined) 91.2mpg
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New Vito Sport Pricing Announced

The ever-popular, UK-specific Vito Sport model is now available to order in its New Vito guise. Priced from £25,495 (excl VAT) for the New Vito Sport 116 BlueTEC Compact van, the Vito Sport is available both in a panel van and crew van option, which offers an extra row of seats. The 116 BlueTEC and 119 BlueTEC engines are both available for Vito Sport, which meet the stringent Euro 6 emission regulations, along with a choice of Compact and Long body lengths. The already excellent standard specification of the New Vito is further enhanced by a combination of functional and styling features, which set the Vito Sport apart from the norm. As standard, all Vito Sport models are pre-prepared for the use of the optional plug-in Becker MapPilot navigation system.

Kia Motors' Autonomous Driving Technologies By 2020

Kia plans to introduce a range of partially-autonomous driving technologies to its model line-up by 2020. It's aiming to bring its first fully-autonomous car to market by 2030. The initial

stage of investment by Kia – totalling US$2 billion by 2018 – will enable the company to develop the first of its new Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) technologies and employ a greater number of engineers. The investment will lead to the introduction of Kia's next-generation smart vehicles in the coming years.

LUXURIOUS NEW MERCEDES-BENZ GLS NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

The new seven-seat luxury SUV, the Mercedes-Benz GLS, is now available to order, priced from £69,100 OTR, ahead of first UK deliveries in March 2016. The new GLS sets standards as the 'S-Class among SUVs'. This seven-seater premium SUV combines luxury with comfort, agile dynamics and best-in-class safety. The new GLS features improved efficiency, extended DYNAMIC SELECT transmission modes, the latest AIRMATIC air suspension system with ADS adaptive damping system, a nine-speed 9G-TRONIC automatic transmission, state-of-the-art driver assistance systems and the latest telematics with internet access. Three models are available in the UK: the GLS 350d 4MATIC AMG Line, the GLS 350d 4MATIC designo Line and the new Mercedes-AMG GLS 63 4MATIC.

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Award-Winning All-New Nissan NP300 Navara Wins Again

The all-new Nissan NP300 Navara has won the coveted International Pick-up award 2016 at a ceremony in Lyon, France. Nissan's recently-launched pick-up fought off stiff competition from the Mitsubishi L200 and Ford Ranger with judges praising its superior on-road and off-road capabilities, strong engine performance and payload capacity. The new NP300 Navara underwent the rigorous International Pick-up testing process, each being judged for its off-road ability, on-road performance and its value for money. They were also tested on their ability as a workhorse, which included comparing towing capabilities. The new NP300 Navara delivers new levels of crossover-inspired comfort and refinement while maintaining the Navara's acclaimed off-road ability, durability and load capacity.

Dacia Duster Wins

The Dacia Duster has won the Small SUV class at the fifth annual Green Apple Awards at an awards ceremony held at the Houses of Parliament in London. The 'shockingly affordable' Duster, in dCi 110 4x2 guise, was voted into first place by judges thanks to its efficient performance, value for money and high specification. The automotive-based honours at The Green Apple Awards, organised by the Midlands-based The Green Organisation, are judged by members of the Midland Group of Motoring Writers. Marks were awarded by judges for the way a car drives and behaves in the real world, away from the testing laboratory.

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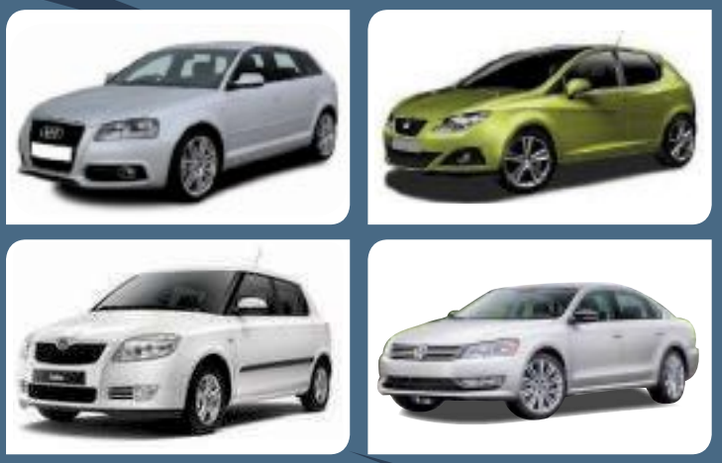

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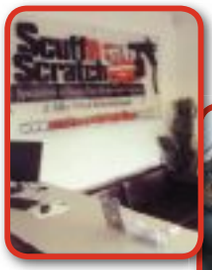

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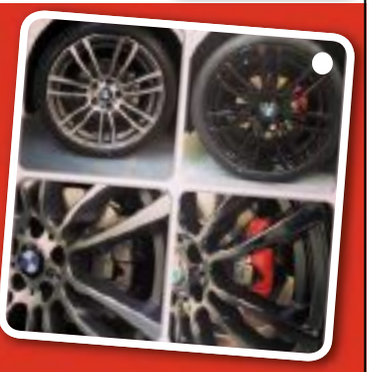

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Here are four quick tips to help you check if your tyres are ready for winter.

1. Check the tread depth. The law requires a minimum of 1.6mm of tread although experts recommend that drivers should consider changing tyres when the tread falls below 3.0mm
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3. General tyre condition. Check this regularly and especially any sidewall damage which might have been caused by hitting a kerb.
4. Spare tyre. Check it, it's in the boot and check it for both tread depth and pressure so that if in an emergency the tyre has to be fitted it is safe and legal.

You might also wish to check for uneven wear. Many cars have tyres/wheels that are misaligned and this can cause excessive wear on tyre edges and lead to premature replacement.

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DONS earned a 1-1 draw at home against Fulham this weekend with a long-serving player grabbing his second goal in three matches.

Dean Bowditch started the match against Fulham filling in for the injured Ben Reeves, playing in the attacking midfielder and number 10 position behind lone striker Nicky Maynard.

It was Bowditch that got the Dons started with a 30th minute goal helping the boys from MK1 take an early 1-0 lead over the visitors from London.

Despite being unable to see out the win, Bowditch performed exceptionally well in the number 10 spot and the argument can be made for him to receive more playing time considering his recent performances.

Bowditch entered the season determined, scoring in the opening fixture against Rotherham United.

But he was unlucky to pick up an injury in the 3-1 away loss to Derby County back in September.

Bowds was out for a month before returning, then he scored the only goal of the match in a 1-0 victory over Charlton Athletic.

In his past three fixtures, starting with the Charlton match, Bowditch has scored two goals and was the Dons' standout performer this weekend.

The Dons have struggled to score many goals this season.

But Bowditch is now the team's top goal scorer with three goals in the Championship.

Perhaps playing him frequently behind Maynard could see the Dons' fortunes change in their survival bid.

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16	Leeds United	17	1	3	5	5	11	3	4	1	11	9	-4	19
17	Preston	17	1	5	3	6	8	2	3	3	6	7	-3	17
18	Notts Forest	17	2	3	3	7	8	2	2	5	6	10	-5	17
19	Bristol City	17	2	3	4	11	16	1	4	3	7	11	-9	16
20	Charlton	17	3	2	3	11	13	1	2	6	4	13	-11	16
21	Huddersfield	17	2	3	3	10	10	1	3	5	7	16	-9	15
22	MK Dons	17	3	1	5	8	11	1	2	5	7	13	-9	15
23	Rotherham	17	1	2	5	9	18	2	1	6	9	15	-15	12
24	Bolton	17	1	6	1	6	6	0	2	7	5	18	-13	11

MK LIGHTNING

Shootout defeats deny Lightning

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MK LIGHTNING suffered two shootout defeats in what proved to be a frustrating weekend.

Pete Russell's side saw their league campaign suffer a blow when they gave away a three-goal lead to end up 4-3 losers in a penalty shootout against Sheffield Steeldogs at MK Arena on Sunday.

Just a day earlier Lightning had also lost 3-2 in a shootout away at Basingstoke Bison.

But it is the home defeat that will have proved most frustrating for Russell and his players.

Having gone 3-0 in front two minutes into the second period, they were in control until the mid-point of the encounter.

The strikes came courtesy of captain Adam Carr, Marko Luomala and Blaz Emersic.

But soon after the Steeldogs stepped up the pace of their play, and managed to cut the deficit to one goal by the second interval.

The home side then spent most of the third period trying to hang on to the lead but Sheffield eventually found the goal in the 52nd minute to send the game into overtime.

So near: MK Lightning suffered two shootout defeats over the weekend - including losing a 3-0 lead against the Steeldogs at MK Arena on Sunday

Things got worse then when Lightning ended the extra period a man short when Leigh Jamieson was given his marching orders on a five minutes plus game penalty for high sticks.

Despite that the home team held on for the shootout which was eventually decided on sudden death shots .

But David Clements failed to get his shot away before Lascek put one past Jordan Marr to seal the points for the Steeldogs.

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BADMINTON

Adcocks exit early in Hong Kong

CHRIS and Gabby Adcock crashed out in the first round of the Hong Kong Open - a competition which they had won just two years ago.

The 21-9, 21-15 defeat to Korean pair Shin Baek Cheol and Yoo Jung Chae last Wednesday sent the sixth seed duo home earlier than they hoped for.

After the defeat, Chris tweeted: "Nothing really went right, and up against tough opposition it cost us. It's hard to take, but we'll make sure we learn from our mistakes and improve from them. The next focus is the Superseries finals in Dubai and it's a great opportunity to put things right."

Meanwhile it has been confirmed that Milton Keynes-based Peter Briggs will travel to the YONEX Brazil Open this week - in what is hoped to be a test event ahead of the Olympics in Rio next summer.

Briggs will partner Tom Wolfenden, with whom he reached last month's Swiss International final.

Knocked out: Nothing went right for Gabby and Chris Adcock as they lost in the Hong Kong Open first round

RUGBY UNION

MK continue 100 per cent record

MILTON KEYNES RUFC secured a vital win away at fellow top-of-the-table contenders Abingdon.

They ran out comfortable 17-0 winners in a game which they dominated from the off, with outside centre Tim Parkinson having an easy run in to open the scoring with barely a minute on the clock. Brian Purcell made sure of the conversion before further tries from Michael Dean and Nathan Thomas made sure of the victory - although they couldn't quite do enough for the bonus point.

The win ensured their 100 per cent record in the Berks/Bucks and Oxon Premier Division.

In the Midlands Two East (South) Olney secured another win as they beat Rushden and Higham by 25-20, while the ladies side blitzed Woodbrige Amazons 43-0 in the cup.

And in the Southern Counties North, Bletchley continued a fine weekend for the local sides when they won 19-6 against Buckingham.

SPORTSSHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town recorded two wins in a week to bounce back from their 5-1 thrashing against top side Leicester Nirvana.

Town remain 14 points behind Nirvana, although they have two games in hand and have closed the gap. Last Tuesday they saw off Sileby Rangers 1-0 courtesy of Fazel Koriya, before they completed a 4-2 home victory over Desborough Town on Saturday, with the impressive Koriya bagging all four.

Olney Town also picked up a good result in Division One, putting four past Oakham United in a 4-1 away victory.

In the Spartan South Midlands Division One, New Bradwell St Peter picked up a respectable 1-1 draw away at Winslow United. In Division Two, Old Bradwell United overcame Wolverton Town 3-1 in a city derby, Clean Slate drew 1-1 at Grendon Rangers, while Stony Stratford Town fell to a 2-1 loss at Hale Leys United.

ATHLETICS

THE Milton Keynes Secondary Schools Cross-Country Championships were dominated by athletes coached by Milton Keynes Marshall Athletics Club.

Charlotte Underwood(Denbigh) won the Year 7 Girls race by a 32-second margin, whilst Alex Brent (Denbigh) won the corresponding Boys race with Aidan Murphy(Ousedale) runner-up.

The Year 8 & 9 Girls race was won by Barbara De Koning (Ousedale), while James Dowsett(Stantonbury) won the Year 8 & 9 Boys.

Emma Mears(Oakgrove) edged out Enya Deysel(Denbigh) by 33 seconds in the Year 10 & 11 Girls. Things were close in the Boys race in the same age range as Alfie Yabsley(Stantonbury) won by eight seconds over Jack Meijer (Walton High).

Oakgrove won the overall schools title from Denbigh(2nd) and Hazeley(3rd)

And finally Jack Kee and Emma Beardmore endured the incredibly cold weather over the weekend in Swindon taking part in the weight pentathlon.

TABLE TENNIS

COMPREHENSIVE 10-0 wins for both MK Spinners and Greenleys Monarchs over Greenleys Kings and MK Phoenix means that Monarchs will need to wait at least another week for a shot at leading the table.

Monarchs dipped into their extensive catalogue of players to give a debut to Dan Smalley and it was maximums all round for Dan Appanna and Martin Hall representing Monarchs, and Alan Cherry, Craig Brown and Gary Jones for Spinners.

Staying in the Premier Division, MK Powers slumped back to losing ways in yet another 10-0 defeat. This was a much needed win for opponents MK Kingpins too after three straight defeats.

The final contest of the weekend in the top division did prove slightly more competitive, as MK Walking Wounded posted an 8-2 victory over MK Sasaki.

In Division One, MK Rovers kept their place at the top of the league by putting Greenleys Eagles to the sword 8-2.

AMATEUR BOXING

MK VICTORS Boxing Club will be holding its annual Dinner Show on Friday evening.

The event takes place at the Jury's Inn on Midsummer Boulevard, and doors open at 6.30pm. Guests will be treated to a four-course meal before the boxing commences at 9pm, where there are sure to be some entertaining bouts in front of the great and good of the boxing scene. For more please contact Lynn at mkvictors@gmail.com or by calling 07880 954 756.

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Robbo: 'Fans have big role in survival bid'

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KARL Robinson believes MK Dons fans have a big role to play in helping his side keep their place in the Championship.

The side are still making some minor adjustments to life in the Championship following promotion from League One.

A 1-1 draw against Fulham on Saturday was not enough to stop Dons entering the relegation zone for the first time this season - but Robinson feels the fans can and will play their part in trying to help his side avoid the drop.

Robinson said: "I think when the fans see how hard we're working they understand the importance and role they have.

"You're not just a fan at this football club, you're a cog in the driving force behind us fighting for survival.

"And I think they've realised that they have a massive role to play, because as much as we have a role to play with our effort levels, performances and dedication, this is not just a club for us. It's a way of life. I think that cohesive unit of us and them is driving us on."

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And Robinson will be hoping that plenty of those supporters can make the trip to Molineux on Saturday to cheer on his side against Wolverhampton Wanderers.

But the men from MK1 will have to be wary against a familiar face - with Benik Afobe leading the line for Wolves.

The former loanee has bagged seven league goals so far this year, and will provide a stern test for the Dons' defence.

Familiar face: Dons will come up against former loanee Benik Afobe when they travel to Molineux to face Wolves on Saturday

Eager to win: Daniil Kvyat has fond memories of victories at the Yas Marina circuit, and wants the feeling back

Daniil wants that winning feeling

DANIIL Kvyat has said he misses the winning feeling 'a lot' as he returns to the scene of his last racing victory.

The 21-year-old has had a steady first season at Infiniti Red Bull Racing.

But the Russian admits he wants to get the winning feeling back, as he returns to the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi for the final race of the season.

The venue is where Kvyat won his last race, when he won the GP3 Championship in 2013.

Asked about his memories of victory at the the iconic course, Kvyat said: "Two things: the first is that winning always feels great and the second is that it's actually the last race that I won, so it's a long time ago! I'd really like to change that. I miss that feeling a lot.

"I generally enjoy most tracks and in one way or another they all have good associations but yes, it's particularly the case at Yas Marina because I won the GP3 championship there.

"I had a good qualifying there last year. I was fifth on the grid I think but the race didn't work out so well as I had to retire with an engine problem.

"Still, it's been enjoyable. It's a good track to drive, even if it's one of the modern ones with the big run-off areas. It's very technical though and it takes some time to get your head around it."

The track also holds good memories for Kvyat's teammate Daniel Ricciardo.

Although the Australian won three races last campaign, he counts his fourth place finish in Abu Dhabi as his best race.

He said: "I think it really was my best weekend of 2014. It wasn't a win but I nailed qualifying, I nailed the race, I nailed the whole thing.

"Pace, consistency, everything was awesome and it got me from the back of the grid to fourth, so yes, in terms of pure performance, it was my best."

After the race on Sunday, the drivers will retire for the winter and look forward to a new season after the Tillbrook-based side confirmed they would remain in Formula One for next season's championship.

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